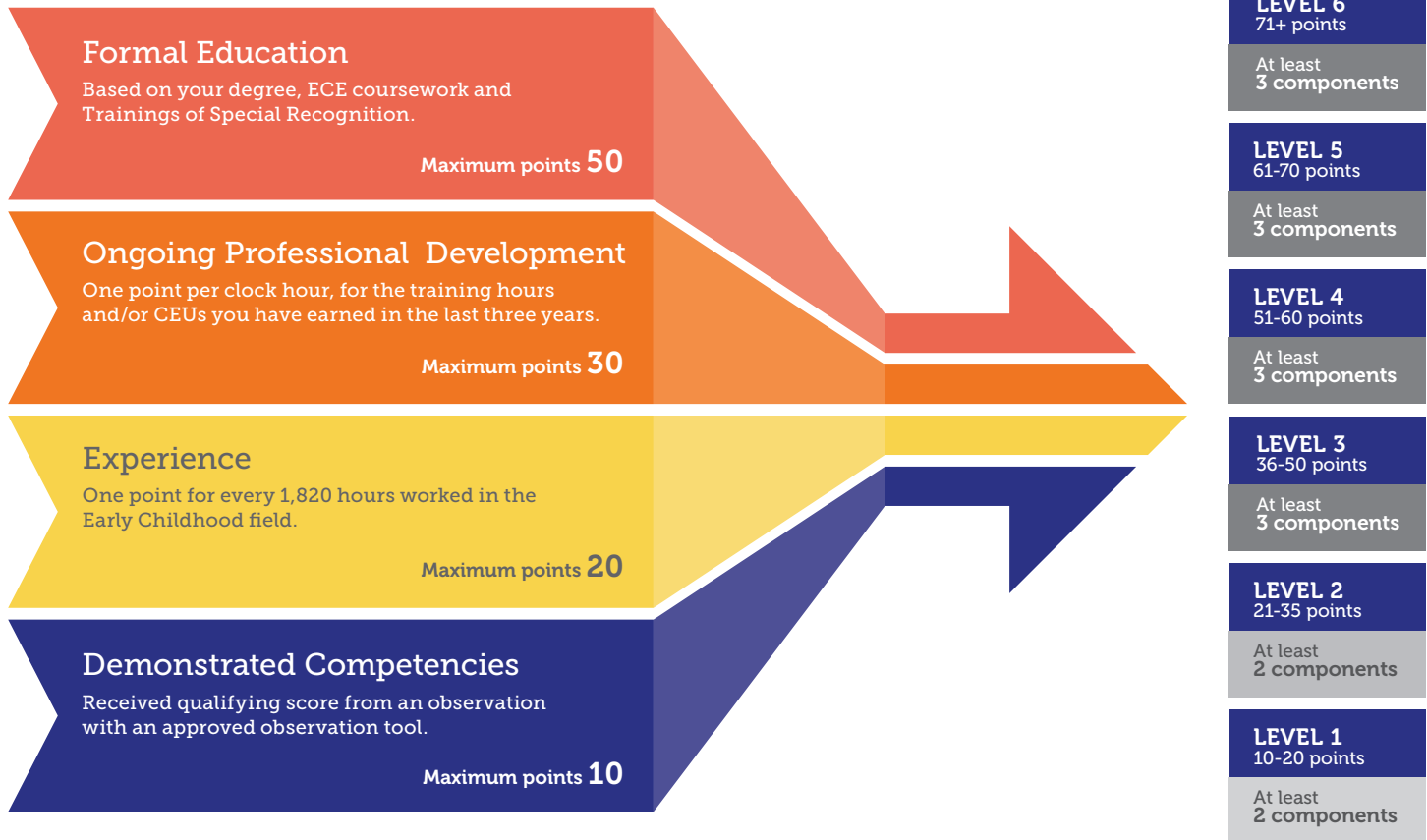




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Early Childhood Professional Credential 3.0



ECPC 3.0: OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

Staying the Same:

- Points-based system
- Four components
- Each level has point threshold
- Each level has component minimum

Changing:

- Simpler scoring system
- An application-based process rather than a rolling submission process
- Minimum requirement at Level 3 has changed from 2 to 3 components

Formal Education Component

Maximum points 50
(Points do not expire)

• DEGREES

Early Childhood

- Associate's 20
- Bachelor's 30
- Master's 40
- Ed Specialist 45
- Doctorate 50

Early Childhood-Related

- Associate's 10
- Bachelor's 15
- Master's 20
- Ed Specialist 22
- Doctorate 30

Unrelated

- Associate's 5
- Bachelor's 10
- Master's 15
- Ed Specialist 18
- Doctorate 20

• EARLY CHILDHOOD COURSEWORK

- 1 semester credit:** 1 point
- 1 trimester credit:** .83 points
- 1 quarter credit:** .67 points

• TRAINING OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Two points each and the points do not expire

Currently includes: EQIT, Pyramid Colorado Modules (formerly Pyramid Plus Approach Training)

Staying the Same:

- Ability to earn points for early childhood and unrelated degrees
- The more the degree is related to early childhood, the higher the points
- Increased points for higher level of degree
- The cap on points for this component is still 50

Changing:

- Courses no longer expire after 15 years
- No area of study points—they are now wrapped up in the degree points
- New Training of Special Recognition category
- No difference between aligned & unaligned courses

LEVEL 1
10-20 points
At least
2 components

LEVEL 2
21-35 points
At least
2 components

LEVEL 3
36-50 points
At least
3 components

LEVEL 4
51-60 points
At least
3 components

LEVEL 5
61-70 points
At least
3 components

LEVEL 6
71+ points
At least
3 components

Ongoing Professional Development Component

Maximum points **30**

- **ONE POINT** for every clock hour
- CEUs will be awarded as clock hours—0.1 CEUs = **1 CLOCK HOUR**
- Points expire after **3 YEARS**

Staying the Same:

- The cap on points for this component is still 30
- Points still expire after 3 years

Changing:

- Each clock hour is worth 1 point—no more tiers
- CEUs will be converted to clock hours and calculated using 1 clock hour = 1 point formula
- No more additional points for QCLEs
- No more additional points for series, high needs, and coaching components

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10-20 points
At least
2 components

LEVEL 2
21-35 points
At least
2 components

LEVEL 3
36-50 points
At least
3 components

LEVEL 4
51-60 points
At least
3 components

LEVEL 5
61-70 points
At least
3 components

LEVEL 6
71+ points
At least
3 components

Experience Component

Maximum points 20
(Points do not expire)

- **ONE POINT** for every 1,820 hours worked in the field
 - All experience will need to be accompanied by documentation
 - Does not expire
1. Direct work, with young children (birth–8) and families, includes field experiences;
 2. Supervision, leadership, or management of programs;
 3. Program coordination, development, or regulation;
 4. Training, instruction, or technical assistance of programs;
 5. Evaluation or research in the field.

Staying the Same:

- The cap on points for this component is still 20
- Points do not expire
- All the types of experience still count

Changing:

- Experience submitted to the new PDIS needs to have documentation

LEVEL 1
10-20 points
At least
2 components

LEVEL 2
21-35 points
At least
2 components

LEVEL 3
36-50 points
At least
3 components

LEVEL 4
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At least
3 components

LEVEL 6
71+ points
At least
3 components

Demonstrated Competencies Component

Maximum points **10**

- **POINTS** awarded when professionals are observed with an approved observation tool and receive a qualifying score
- Expires after **3 YEARS**

Staying the Same:

- Still worth up to 10 points
- A variety of tools in this component

Changing:

- This component now figures into the minimum pathway requirement
- Points in this component now expire 3 years after the observation was completed

LEVEL 1
10-20 points

At least
2 components

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21-35 points

At least
2 components

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36-50 points

At least
3 components

LEVEL 4
51-60 points

At least
3 components

LEVEL 5
61-70 points

At least
3 components

LEVEL 6
71+ points

At least
3 components

PDIS - EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL 3.0 REQUIREMENTS

Formal Education Component

Maximum points **50**

SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS AND/OR CERTIFICATES FOR ONE-TIME VERIFICATION

Formal Education Completion Documents Uploads	Number of Points	Expiration Term
Degree - ECE Associate Degree (AA/AS)	20	None
Degree - ECE Bachelor's Degree (BA/BS)	30	None
Degree - ECE Master's Degree (MA/MS)	40	None
Degree - ECE Education Specialist	45	None
Degree - ECE Doctorate (PhD)	50	None
Degree - ECE Related Associate Degree (AA/AS)	10	None
Degree - ECE Related Bachelor's Degree (BA/BS)	15	None
Degree - ECE Related Master's Degree (MA/MS)	20	None
Degree - ECE Related Education Specialist	22	None
Degree - ECE Related Doctorate (PhD)	30	None
Degree - All Other Degrees Associate Degree (AA/AS)	5	None
Degree - All Other Degrees Bachelor's Degree (BA/BS)	10	None
Degree - All Other Degrees Master's Degree (MA/MS)	15	None
Degree - All Other Education Specialist	18	None
Degree - All Other Degrees Doctorate (PhD)	20	None
Formal Education ECE Courses - Semester	1 point per credit hour	None
Formal Education ECE Courses - Trimester	.83 points per credit hour	None
Formal Education ECE Courses - Quarter	.67 points per credit hour	None
Training of Special Recognition	2 per completion	None

Ongoing Professional Development Component

Maximum points **30**

HOURS CALCULATED AUTOMATICALLY IN PDIS AND VISIBLE IN YOUR APPLICATION

Professional Development Completed	Number of Points	Expiration Term
Ongoing Professional Development - 1 hour	1 point per clock hour	3 years from completion date
Ongoing Professional Development -1 EC CEU	1 point per 0.1 EC CEU	3 years from completion date

Experience Component

Maximum points **20**

SUBMIT EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTATION TO PDIS FOR VERIFICATION

Verified Years of EC Experience	Number of Points	Expiration Term
Years of Experience	1 point for 1 year (1,820 hours) of experience (can get partial points)	None

Demonstrated Competencies Component

Maximum points **10**

SUBMIT OBSERVATION INFORMATION TO PDIS FOR VERIFICATION

Ways to Demonstrate Competence	Number of Points	Expiration Term
CLASS Observation by a Certified CLASS Observer (Infant, Toddler, Pre-K)	Points vary by score	3 years
ERS Rating by a Certified ERS Observer (FCCERS, ITERS, ECCERS)	Points vary by score	3 years
Colorado State Model Evaluation System Rating	Points vary by score	3 years
Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT) by a Certified Observer	Points vary by score	3 years



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Early Childhood Professional Credential 3.0 Worksheet

Formal Education

Degree _____

Enter points for your degree

Early Childhood Associate's = 20 points
 Early Childhood Bachelor's = 30 points
 Early Childhood Master's = 40
 Early Childhood Ed Specialist = 45
 Early Childhood Doctorate = 50
 Early Childhood-Related Associate's = 10
 Early Childhood-Related Bachelor's = 15
 Early Childhood-Related Master's = 20

Early Childhood-Related Ed Specialist = 22
 Early Childhood-Related Doctorate = 30
 Unrelated Associate's = 5
 Unrelated Bachelor's = 10
 Unrelated Master's = 15
 Unrelated Ed Specialist = 18
 Unrelated Doctorate = 20

Maximum points 50
(Points do not expire)

Early Childhood Coursework _____

Enter 1 point for every semester credit hour
 (.83 points for trimester credit hour,
 .67 points for quarter credit hour)

Training of Special Recognition _____

Enter points if you have ever completed the following:
 Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler Care (EQIT) = 2 points
 Pyramid (Pyramid Colorado or Pyramid Plus Approach) = 2 points

SUBTOTAL FOR FORMAL EDUCATION

Ongoing Professional Development

Maximum points 30

Enter total number of early childhood-related training clock hours completed in the last 3 years
 (0.1 CEU = 1 clock hour)

SUBTOTAL FOR ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Experience

Maximum points 20
(Points do not expire)

Enter total number of years (1 year = 1,820 hours) in the field of early Childhood

SUBTOTAL FOR EXPERIENCE

Demonstrated Competencies

Enter in the points received from observations during the last 36 months _____

Maximum points 10

Currently approved observation tools:

- CLASS
- Environment Rating Scales
- Colorado State Model Evaluation System
- Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT)

Please see the **Demonstrated Competencies information** on the PDIS for the Scoring Protocol for each tool.

SUBTOTAL FOR DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCIES

Early Childhood Professional Credential 3.0 Levels:

LEVEL 1 10-20 points At least a 2 components	LEVEL 2 21-35 points At least 2 components	LEVEL 3 36-50 points At least 3 components	LEVEL 4 51-60 points At least 3 components	LEVEL 5 61-70 points At least 3 components	LEVEL 6 71+ points At least 3 components
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TOTAL POINTS

Add all points in subtotal lines together

All levels must be renewed every 3 years

Early Childhood and Early Childhood-Related Formal Education Degrees for the Early Childhood Professional Credential 3.0

Accepted Degree	Why
Early Childhood Degrees	
Early Childhood	Relevant content, stakeholder input, alignment with CDHS child care licensing requirements
Early Childhood Special Education	
A degree with at least these amounts of early childhood credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate's – 21 credits • Bachelor's – 30 credits • Master's – 21 credits 	Some degrees are early childhood degrees, but are not explicitly labeled as such
Early Childhood-Related Degrees	
Elementary Education	Some relevant content, stakeholder input, alignment with CDHS child care licensing requirements
Special Education	
Child Development	
Family Development	
Family and Child Development	
Family and Human Development	
Child Psychology	
Educational Leadership and Administration	
A degree with at least these amounts of early childhood-related credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate's – 11 credits • Bachelor's – 15 credits • Master's – 11 credits 	Some degrees have some early childhood content, but are not explicitly labeled as such

