



Credentials for VPK Teachers and Directors

Complete Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Instructor Qualifications:

<http://info.fldoe.org/docshare/dsweb/Get/Document-4196/07-02att1.pdf>.

VPK Lead Teachers – School Year Requirements

1. Minimum requirement is an FCCPC or National CDA
Effective July 1, 2006 the Staff Credential form CF-FSP 5206
(<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare/staffcred.shtml>) may be used to verify credential and level and type of degree.
***Employment history exemption and School-Age certificate are not accepted for VPK.*
2. If the teacher has an FCCPC or National CDA, the VPK teacher must take the VPK Emergent Literacy course. Information about the 5 hour Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors may be found at <http://www.flvpkonline.org/ellinfo.htm>. Register for the course at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare/about.shtml>.
3. VPK teachers must also have a complete level 2 screening before teaching a VPK class.

VPK Lead Teachers – Summer Requirements

1. A temporary or Professional Educator certificate
 - Certification may be in any area
 - Priority to teachers with experience or coursework in early childhood education
2. Bachelor's degree or higher in early childhood education
3. Bachelor's degree or higher in prekindergarten or primary education
4. Bachelor's degree or higher in preschool education
5. Bachelor's degree or higher in family and consumer science
6. Bachelor's degree or higher in elementary education if the prekindergarten instructor has been certified to teach children any age from birth through 6th grade.
 - Certificate need not be current
 - Certificate need not be from Florida, but may not be suspended or revoked
7. VPK Teachers must also have a complete level 2 screening before teaching a VPK class.

Renewal of FCCPC and National CDA

FCCPC and National CDA must both be renewed periodically. The first renewal for National CDA is 3 years, and after that is 5 years. 4.5 CEUs are required for the renewal. The renewal packet is available at http://www.cdacouncil.org/cda_renew.htm. The FCCPC must be renewed every 5 years. 4.5 CEUs are required for the renewal. The link to the appropriate form and list of requirements for renewal is: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare/forms.shtml>



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VPK Directors

Director Credential Certification Requirements:

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare/dircred.shtml>.

1. High School Diploma or GED;
2. The 30 hour Part I Department of Children and Families' Introductory Child Care Training.
3. A minimum of eight (8) hours of in-service training on children with disabilities or the department's Special Needs Appropriate Practices course (available on-line DCF website).
4. An active Staff Credential *excluding employment history recognition exemption* (<http://ccrain.fl-dcf.org/documents/6/467.pdf#page=1>)
5. Education: An "Overview of Child Care Management" course approved by the department for vocational credit, CEU's or college credit; or a Director Credential from another state, subject to approval by the Florida Child Care Director Credential Program. The list of approved courses is available at the following link: <http://ccrain.fl-dcf.org/documents/-99/555.pdf#page=1>.

VPK ENDORSEMENT FOR DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIAL

If you received your Director's Credential before December 31, 2006 you are exempt from the VPK Endorsement requirement.

In addition to these basic requirements for the director credential, the VPK director candidate must take the following courses to receive the VPK Director Endorsement (form at <http://ccrain.fl-dcf.org/documents/-99/556.pdf#page=1>)

VPK Standards – A face to face course; check scheduling on the ELCofSWFL website training calendar (www.elcofswfl.org). Register for the course at <https://training01-dcf.myflorida.com/dcf/cct/reg/courseselector>.

1. DOE approved 5 hour on-line course on VPK Emergent Literacy. Information about the Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors may be found at <http://www.flvpkonline.org/ellInfo.htm>. Register for the course at <https://training01-dcf.myflorida.com/dcf/cct/reg/courseselector>
2. DOE approved 5 hour on-line course on VPK Director Credential. See above link to register for course.

Renewal of the Director Credential

The director credential must be renewed every 5 years. 4.5 CEUs are required for renewal. The form and list of other requirements is available at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare/dircred.shtml>