

## OKLAHOMA DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIAL

LEVEL	General Education	Early Childhood Education, Child Development, School-Age Knowledge / Skills	Administration, Management Knowledge / Skills	Experience	Renewal Hours
<b>PLATINUM</b>	PhD, EdD, MS, MA, BS, BA	15 ECE/CD/SA credit hours <sup>1</sup>	9 admin/credit hours <sup>1</sup>	3 months <sup>2</sup>	30 hours job related training <sup>3</sup> annually
<b>GOLD</b>	AA, AS, AAS	12 ECE/CD/SA credit hours <sup>1</sup>	6 admin/mgt credit hours <sup>1</sup> -OR- Directors' Leadership Academy I & II <sup>4</sup>	6 months <sup>2</sup>	30 hours job related training <sup>3</sup> annually
<b>SILVER</b>	3 credit hours <sup>1</sup> in English Composition I	Certificate of Mastery <sup>5</sup> -OR- 9 ECE/CD/SA credit hours <sup>1</sup> -OR- CDA/CCP <sup>6</sup>	6 admin/mgt credit hours <sup>1</sup> -OR- Directors' Leadership Academy I & II <sup>4</sup> -OR- Director's Certificate of Completion <sup>7</sup> -OR- Pathway Director Training <sup>8</sup>	9 months <sup>2</sup>	30 hours job related training <sup>3</sup> annually
<b>BRONZE</b>	High School Diploma -OR- GED	6 ECE/CD/SA credit hours <sup>1</sup> -OR- CDA/CCP <sup>5</sup> -OR- Oklahoma Competency Certificate in ECE <sup>9</sup>	3 admin credit hours <sup>1</sup> -OR- approved admin credential <sup>10</sup> -OR- 40 admin/mgt training hours <sup>11</sup>	12 months <sup>2</sup>	20 hours job related training <sup>3</sup> annually

## OKLAHOMA DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIAL FOOTNOTES

1. Approved college credit hours must be on the Recommended Approved Coursework List ([www.cecpcd.org](http://www.cecpcd.org)) and be earned at a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Qualifying experience must be as teacher, master teacher, family child care home primary caregiver, assistant director or director in a licensed child care setting (30 hours per week).
3. Training in the core content areas identified in *Oklahoma Core Competencies for Early Childhood Practitioners*: 1) child growth and development; 2) health, safety and nutrition; 3) child observation and assessment; 4) family and community partnerships; 5) learning environments and curriculum; 6) interactions with children; 7) program planning, development and evaluation; and/or 8) professionalism and leadership. (NOTES: Entry Level Child Care Training [ELCCT] cannot be used to meet level or renewal criteria. No more than 6 hours of informal professional development is counted toward renewal hours.)
4. Directors' Leadership Academy is available through the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development ([www.cecpcd.org](http://www.cecpcd.org)).
5. The Certificate of Mastery in child development or early childhood education is a minimum 18 credit hour certificate awarded by an Oklahoma community college.
6. Current Child Development Associate (CDA) or Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) credential
7. Certificate of Completion for directors and assistant directors is issued by the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care ([www.okhighered.org/scholars/](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars/)).
8. *Early Care and Education: Director's Pathway to Program Administration* is available through Oklahoma Career Technology Centers ([www.okhighered.org/scholars/career-tech.shtml](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars/career-tech.shtml)).
9. Master Teacher or Director Competency Certificate only (awarded by Oklahoma Department of Career Technology)
10. Approved administration/management credential, such as the National Administrator Credential (NAC)
11. Training approved through the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry, with at least 10 hours in any three management core knowledge areas: Educational Programming & Family Support; Personnel & Professional Self-Awareness; Staff Management & Human Relations; Leadership & Advocacy; Program Operation & Facilities Management; Legal Management; or Fiscal Management (NOTES: Completion of Director's ELCCT course meets 20 hours of this requirement. Informal professional development is not counted toward meeting this requirement.)