

### Connecticut Early Childhood Career Ladder

<b>Level 15</b>	Advanced Degree in ECE OR Advanced Degree in Any Field PLUS Current ECE State Teaching Endorsement
<b>Level 14</b>	Master's Degree in ECE OR Master's Degree in Any Field PLUS Current ECE State Teaching Endorsement
<b>Level 13</b>	Master's Degree in Any Field AND 12 ECE Credits
<b>Level 12</b>	Bachelor Degree in ECE OR Bachelor Degree in Any Field PLUS Current ECE State Teaching Endorsement
<b>Level 11</b>	Bachelor Degree in Any Field AND 12 ECE Credits
<b>Level 10</b>	Associate Degree in ECE
<b>Level 9</b>	Associate Degree in Any Field AND 12 ECE Credits
<b>Level 8</b>	30 ECE Credits OR 1 Year ECE Certificate
<b>Level 7</b>	Current CDA Credential AND 12 ECE Credits
<b>Level 6</b>	Current CDA Credential OR 12 ECE Credits
<b>Level 5</b>	6 ECE Credits
<b>Level 4</b>	Inactive: Formerly Training Program Modules 1-3
<b>Level 3</b>	3 ECE Credits
<b>Level 2</b>	Inactive: Formerly Training Program Module 1
<b>Level 1</b>	OEC Registry Member AND No Documents on File OR OEC Registry Member AND Education on File Not Recognized by <i>Connecticut Common Standard for Assessing Early Childhood Degrees and Credits</i>

All coursework must be from a regionally accredited higher education institution.

The *Connecticut Common Standard for Assessing Early Childhood Degrees and Credits* will be used to assess all degrees and credits.

Early Childhood Education (ECE) degrees must include study of the education or development of young children less than five years of age, and may include degrees in:

- Early Childhood Education and Child Studies, Child Development, Human Development and Family Relations, Early Childhood Special Education, or similar majors with a concentration in ECE courses.

Elementary Education (ElEd) / After School Education (ASE) degrees must include study of the education and/or development of children 5-12 years of age, and may include degrees in:

- Degrees in Elementary Education, Special Education, Youth Studies, Recreation, Family Social Sciences.

Foreign higher education degrees and credits are recognized if evaluated course-by-course by an evaluation service approved by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services ([www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org)). The evaluation must specify that the credits and/or degree are the equivalent of credits and/or degrees from a **regionally accredited** U.S. institution of higher learning. If the evaluation service is not a member of NACES, or if the equivalency is not to a regionally accredited U.S. institution of higher learning, the credits and/or degree will not be counted toward ladder level.