

Child Care Professional Level Designations

Level 1	<p>One 60-hour course, or equivalent, in early childhood development. If two 30 hour courses are used in combination, they must be from different streams. The Family Day Home course is considered equivalent to 60 hours.</p>
Level IA	<p>Minimum of 30 hours in the Health stream Minimum of 60 hours in the Child Development stream Minimum 30 hours in the Self Esteem stream Minimum 60 hours in the Methods stream Minimum 145 hours in the Field Placement stream (1 field placement, 1 seminar) Minimum 45 hours in the Elective stream</p>
Level 2	<p>Minimum of 30 hours in the Health stream Minimum 90 hours in the Child Development Stream Minimum 60 hours in the Self Esteem stream Minimum 105 hours in the Methods stream Minimum 400 hours in the Field Placement stream (1 field placement, 1 seminar) Minimum 90 hours in the Elective stream</p>
Level 2A	<p>Minimum 75 hours in the Health stream Minimum 135 hours in the Child Development Stream Minimum 105 hours in the Self Esteem stream Minimum 165 hours in the Methods stream Minimum 650 hours in the Field Placement stream (1 field placement, 1 seminar) Minimum 135 hours in the Elective stream</p>
Level 3	<p>Minimum 120 hours in the Health stream Minimum 180 hours in the Child Development Stream Minimum 135 hours in the Self Esteem stream Minimum 210 hours in the Methods stream Minimum 910 hours in the Field Placement stream (1 field placement, 1 seminar) Minimum 180 hours in the Elective stream (including English)</p>

A degree or diploma in the Health and Social Sciences fields or a Bachelor of Education will be considered for equivalency for a Child Care Worker level III. Applicants must first successfully complete a 60-hour early childhood development course. Applicants can then apply, along with all transcripts, for a level III child care worker designation.

If an Applicant is granted a CCW level III designation, there will be a requirement that an additional early childhood development course be completed within a year and each year thereafter. Certification would be given on a yearly basis and include an expiration date. Workers must then re-apply for their CCW designation, and provide proof of successful completion of ECD coursework. If the requirements have been met, certification will be granted for another year. It is strongly recommended that the 3rd or 4th early childhood development course completed be a field placement course.

Child Care Services does not have the expertise or means to evaluate degree and diploma programs from countries other than Canada at this time. Completed programs that are accepted by an accredited institution as equivalent may be considered.