

Family Child Care Staff Track

for Louisiana Pathways Career Development Systems



The Louisiana Pathways Family Child Care Staff Track is a career ladder registry recognizing Family Child Care providers for their education and commitment to early childhood education.

Family Child Care (FCC) Track for Louisiana Pathways Career Development Systems

Staff	80 clock hours of instruction in approved core knowledge CDA subject areas
Teacher 1	- Maintain Academic Approval for 6 months in the tax year; and - CDA or approved early childhood diploma, or - CCAP certification as a family childcare provider for at least one year within the three years prior to the current tax year, which can only be used for a period not to exceed two years.
Teacher 2	- Maintain Academic Approval for 6 months in the tax year; and - CDA or approved early childhood diploma, and nine continuing education units or two early childhood college courses, or 30 hours towards associate degree with four college courses in Early Childhood or Child Development, or - Related associate degree, or - Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate; or - Certificate of Academic Approval of a 3-star quality rated Family Child Care program for at least one year on July 1 of the calendar year (in which the credit may be claimed, documented by LDOE letter sent to those who qualify each year).
Teacher 3	- Maintain Academic Approval for 6 months in the tax year; and - Associate degree in Early Childhood/ Child Development; or - Related associate degree with four college courses in Early Childhood/ Child Development; or - Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood/ Child Development, or - Related bachelor's degree with three college courses in Early Childhood/ Child Development, or - Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate and eligibility for staff tax credits for at least one prior year*; or - Certificate of Academic Approval of a 4-star quality rated Family Child Care program for at least one year on July 1 of the calendar year (in which the credit may be claimed, documented by LDOE letter sent to those who qualify each year).
Teacher 4	- Maintain Academic Approval for 6 months in the tax year; and - Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood/ Child Development of which three college courses focus on infants and toddlers; or - Related bachelor's degree with six Early Childhood/ Child Development courses of which three must focus on infants and toddlers; or - Early Childhood ancillary certificate and eligibility for staff tax credits for at least two prior years*; or - Certificate of Academic Approval of a 5-star quality rated Family Child Care program for at least one year on July 1 of the calendar year (in which the credit may be claimed, documented by LDOE letter sent to those who qualify each year).
Master Teacher	- Graduate degree in Early Childhood/ Child Development; or - Unrelated Graduate degree with four Early Childhood or Child Development college courses.

***Prior eligibility must be for years immediately prior to current tax year, and multiple years of eligibility must be consecutive.**

To remain eligible for the Family Child Care (FCC) staff track, all Family Child Care providers must be registered with the Child Care Licensing Division of the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), maintain a current CCAP certification issued by LDE in accordance with [Bulletin 139](#), and actively participate in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) by providing full-time care of at least 30 hours per week.

Additional Information about qualifying for FCC Teacher Tax Credit:

- Please note, in order to be eligible for tax credit levels, the FCC provider must have provided full-time care for 1 or more children for at least 6 months in the tax year.
- Academic Approval participation will be verified in January and July annually by the Louisiana Department of Education and Louisiana Pathways.
- Teachers must be leveled at Early Learning Center Teacher 1 or higher to qualify for tax credits.
- Teachers will continue to receive communication about how to file for the tax credits from Louisiana Pathways.
- For questions about your tax credit level, contact [Louisiana Pathways](#) at 1-800-245-8925.