

Assistant Teacher Credential Requirements

A Georgia's Pre-K Program assistant teacher must have one of the following credentials/degrees listed below. Pre-K providers should review the qualifications and conditions carefully to ensure that the assistant teacher qualifies to teach in Georgia's Pre-K.

All credentials for an assistant teacher will be paid at the minimum rate of \$18,190.35. Providers are required to pay 100% of the total salary funded by Bright From the Start.

- Valid Paraprofessional Certificate (issued by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission)
- Valid Child Development Associate (CDA) credential (issued by the Council for Professional Recognition)
- TCC (Technical Certificate of Credit) in Early Childhood Education
- TCD (Technical College Diploma) in Early Childhood Education
- AA, AS, AAS, AAT (Associate Degree)
- Montessori Diploma (Montessori courses must be taken from an accredited affiliate of the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education [MACTE])
- BA, BS (Bachelor's degree)
- Georgia PSC Certified Teacher
- MA, MS (Master's Degree)
- Specialist Degree or PhD

A CDA credential is valid for three years from the award date, after which it may be renewed in three-year increments. Information regarding the CDA credential is available through the Council for Professional Recognition at www.cdacouncil.org

For information regarding the Technical Certificate of Credit, please refer to the Technical College System of Georgia website at www.tcsq.edu for enrollment information.

For information about possible scholarships or educational counseling, visit <http://www.decalscholars.com>.