

## Child Development Permit Matrix - with Alternative Qualification Options Indicated

Permit Title	Education Requirement (Option 1 for all permits)	Experience Requirement (Applies to Option 1 Only)	Alternative Qualifications (with option numbers indicated)	Authorization	Five Year Renewal
<b>Assistant (Optional)</b>	<b>Option 1:</b> 6 units of Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Child Development (CD)	None	<b>Option 2:</b> Accredited HERO program (including ROP)	Authorizes the holder to care for and assist in the development and instruction of children in a child care and development program under the supervision of an Associate Teacher, Teacher, Master Teacher, Site Supervisor or Program Director.	105 hours of professional growth*****
<b>Associate Teacher</b>	<b>Option 1:</b> 12 units ECE/CD including core courses**	50 days of 3+ hours per day within 2 years	<b>Option 2:</b> Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential.	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise an Assistant and an aide.	Must complete 15 additional units toward a Teacher Permit. Must meet Teacher requirements within 10 years.
<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Option 1:</b> 24 units ECE/CD including core courses** plus 16 General Education (GE) units*	175 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years	<b>Option 2:</b> AA or higher in ECE/CD or related field with 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise an Associate Teacher, Assistant and an aide.	105 hours of professional growth*****
<b>Master Teacher</b>	<b>Option 1:</b> 24 units ECE/CD including core courses** plus 16 GE units* plus 6 specialization units plus 2 adult supervision units	350 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years	<b>Option 2:</b> BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise a Teacher, Associate Teacher, Assistant and an aide. The permit also authorizes the holder to serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth*****
<b>Site Supervisor</b>	<b>Option 1:</b> AA (or 60 units) which includes: • 24 ECE/CD units with core courses** plus 6 administration units plus 2 adult supervision units	350 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years including at least 100 days of supervising adults	<b>Option 2:</b> BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; <b>or</b> <b>Option 3:</b> Admin. credential*** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; <b>or</b> <b>Option 4:</b> Teaching credential**** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	Authorizes the holder to supervise a child care and development program operating at a single site; provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth*****
<b>Program Director</b>	<b>Option 1:</b> BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) including: • 24 ECE/CD units with core courses** plus 6 administration units plus 2 adult supervision units	Site Supervisor status and one program year of Site Supervisor experience	<b>Option 2:</b> Admin. credential*** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; <b>or</b> <b>Option 3:</b> Teaching credential**** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting, plus 6 units administration; <b>or</b> <b>Option 4:</b> Master's Degree in ECE/CD or Child/Human Development	Authorizes the holder to supervise a child care and development program operating in a single site or multiple sites; provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and serve as coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth*****

**NOTE: All unit requirements listed above are semester units. All course work must be completed with a grade of C or better from a regionally accredited college. Spanish translation is available.**

\*One course in each of four general education categories, which are degree applicable: English/Language Arts; Math or Science; Social Sciences; Humanities and/or Fine Arts.

\*\*Core courses include child/human growth & development; child/family/community or child and family relations; and programs/curriculum. You must have a minimum of three semester units or four quarter units in each of the core areas.

\*\*\*Holders of the Administrative Services Credential may serve as a Site Supervisor or Program Director.

\*\*\*\*A valid Multiple Subject or a Single Subject in Home Economics.

\*\*\*\*\*Professional growth hours must be completed under the guidance of a Professional Growth Advisor. Call (209) 572-6085 for assistance in locating an advisor.

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