# Quick Guide to Often Needed/Requested Educational Needs in the Early Childhood Education field

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| Coursework or CEUs needed for renewal of their Early Educator Certification (EEC) on the Early Care & Education Scale or the School Age Professional Scale | 1. Early Care & Education Scale- must complete 3 semester hours or 6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or a combination of the two within their certification validity period (3 or 5 years) | 1. Most EDU coursework in the Early Childhood Education degree will satisfy this requirement. An ECE/SAE advisor can assist the student in making appropriate coursework choices.

2. In addition, we now offer a variety of continuing education options that will satisfy renewal of the Early Educator Certification (Early care & education scale). See the website “quick links to programs” for Early Educator Certification (EEC) Renewal [link](http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx)
### School Age Professional Scale

- Must complete 2 semester hours or 3 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or a combination of the two within their certification validity period (3 or 5 years)

### Renewal of Early Educator Certification (school-age scale)

- Most EDU coursework in the School-age Education degree will satisfy this requirement. An ECE/SAE advisor an assist the student in making appropriate coursework choices.
- In addition, we now offer a variety of continuing education options that will satisfy renewal of the Early Educator Certification (school-age scale). See the website “quick links to programs” for Early Educator Certification (EEC) Renewal [here](http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx)

#### Needing to be “highly qualified” to be a Teacher’s Assistant in the Public School system

- School-age Care Certificate (C55450)
- School-age Education A.A.S. degree (A55440)
- “Pathways to Teacher Assistant (PTA)” courses (continuing education-1 semester/2 courses) will provide requirements to be “highly qualified.” (non-credit)
- *Pathways to Teachers Assistant (48 hours)*
- *TA training Level 1 (48 hours)*

Students having earned the PTA certificate through JCC may be able to gain curriculum credit for EDU 118 if they choose to enter into the School-age Education degree (A55440).

#### BSAC- Basic School-age Care Training

- Required for personnel working in licensed programs with school-age children.
- Offered in EDU 235- School-age Development & Programs or Offered as stand-alone Continuing Ed. course online (see certification renewal page) [here](http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx)