

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

1. Credential	2. Required Coursework	3. Suggestion of program to consider that encompasses this required coursework (2):
<b>North Carolina Early Childhood Credential (a.k.a. “credentials I &amp; II” or “credential”)- required for lead teachers of all licensed child care facilities.</b>	EDU 119- Introduction to Early Childhood Education (4 credits)	Early Childhood Education Certificate (C55220-1) Or Early Childhood Education A.A.S. degree (A55220)
<b>North Carolina Administration Credential (a.k.a.- “director’s credential”)- required for all directors/administrators of licensed child care facilities</b>	EDU 119- Introduction to Early Childhood Education (4 credits) EDU 261- Early Childhood Administration I (3 credits) EDU 262- Early Childhood Administration II (3 credits) *3 additional credits of EDU coursework	Early Childhood Administration Certificate (C55220-2) Or Early Childhood Education A.A.S. degree (A55220)
<b>North Carolina School-age Credential</b>	EDU 145- Child Development II EDU 235-School-age Development & Programs <u>or</u> EDU 263-School age Program Administration	School-age Care Certificate (C55450) Or School-age Education A.A.S. degree (A55440) Or Early Childhood Education A.A.S. degree (A55220)
<b>Coursework or CEUs needed for renewal of their Early Educator Certification (EEC) on the Early Care &amp; Education Scale or the School Age Professional Scale</b>	<p align="center"><b>1. Early Care &amp; Education Scale-</b> 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)</p> <p align="center"><b>2.</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>1. In addition, we now offer a variety of continuing education options that will satisfy renewal of the Early Educator Certification (Early care &amp; education scale). See the website “quick links to programs” for Early Educator Certification (EEC) Renewal <a href="http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx">http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx</a></p>

	<p><b>3. School Age Professional Scale-</b> 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)</p>	<p>2. Most EDU coursework in the School-age Education degree will satisfy this requirement. An ECE/SAE advisor can assist the student in making appropriate coursework choices.</p> <p>2. 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  <a href="http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx">http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Needing to be “highly qualified” to be a Teacher’s Assistant in the Public School system</b></p>		<p>School-age Care Certificate (C55450)  Or  School-age Education A.A.S. degree (A55440)</p> <p>“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)</p> <p>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).</p>
<p><b>BSAC- Basic School-age Care Training</b></p>	<p>Required for personnel working in licensed programs with school-age children.</p>	<p>Offered in EDU 235- School-age Development &amp; Programs or  Offered as stand-alone Continuing Ed. course online (see certification renewal page)  <a href="http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx">http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ecrenewalcertificate.aspx</a></p>