

EDUCATIONAL EQUIVALENCIES FOR ALBERTA CHILD CARE STAFF CERTIFICATION*

Completed Educational Training Programs	Certification Level
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPERVISOR **	CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPERVISOR
Alberta Permanent Teaching Certificate (designation)	Child Development Supervisor (formerly Level 3)
Education Degree (Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, General or After Degree)	
Child and Youth Care – Diploma or Degree	
Class A – Out-of-School Certification from the City of Edmonton or City of Calgary	
Class C – Out-of-School Certification from the City of Edmonton only	
Early Learning and Child Care Diploma	
Home Science (Child Development) – Degree	
Science (Education) – Degree	
Social Work – Degree	
1,545 hours of education in child care (includes 800 hours of practicum)	
CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKER **	CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKER
Arts (Psychology or Sociology) – Degree	Child Development Worker (formerly Level 2)
Class B – Out-of-School Care Certification from the City of Edmonton or City of Calgary	
Class C – Out-of-School Care Certification from the City of Calgary only	
Early Learning and Child Care – Certificate	
Educational Assistant – Diploma	
Fine Arts (with Early Childhood Education coursework) – Degree	
Human Services – Diploma or Degree	
Licensed Practical Nurse (Alberta designation)	
Medicine - Degree	
Pediatrics - Degree	
Physical Education – Degree	
Recreation Therapy – Diploma or Degree	
Rehabilitation – Diploma or Degree	
School-Age Care – Certificate	
Science (Nursing) – Degree	
Social Work – Diploma	
Teaching – Diploma or Degree	
770 hours of education in child care (includes 400 hours of practicum)	
CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT	CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT
Child Care Orientation Course (Alberta Government sponsored course)	Child Development Assistant (formerly Level 1)
CCS 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3150 (offered through Alberta high schools)	
45-hour (3 credit) college-level course in Early Learning and Child Care	

* Under Sections 15 and 16 of the Child Care Licensing Regulation, the director considers completion of the course work listed above to be equivalent for Child Development Supervisor and Child Development Worker certification.

** A college-level English/French course (e.g., communication, composition, etc.) is required for certification as a Child Development Worker or Child Development Supervisor, if not included on the official transcripts.

The term “certificate” refers to one year of post-secondary training.

The term “diploma” refers to two years of post-secondary training.

The term “degree” refers to a minimum of three years of post-secondary training.

NOTE: The educational training must match one of the listed programs to be eligible for certification under the equivalency requirements. Persons whose education does not match one of the above programs on this page but believe it is equivalent will be referred to the Alberta International Qualifications Assessment Services (www.immigration.alberta.ca/igas).

For further information, please refer to the Child Care Certification Guide, available online at www.child.alberta.ca/certification.