

A	Early Childhood Education 1	1 credit
	This course includes competencies on child care rules and regulations, safe learning environments, stages of child development, developmentally appropriate practices, and communication skills, principles of child nutrition and technology use; as well as competencies from the DCF 40-hour Introductory Child Care Training coursework.	
B	Early Childhood Education 2	1 credit
	This course includes competencies on professionalism, community resources, the importance of relationship skills and communicating with children’s families, use of technology in the child care profession, and observing and recording methods; as well as competencies from the DCF 40-hour Introductory Child Care Training coursework.	
C	Early Childhood Education 3	1 credit
	This course includes competencies in developing lesson plans, child development theories, factors that affect the development of a child, and developmentally appropriate practices and activities for infants/toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Also covered are components on working with students with special needs, classroom management techniques and creating optimum environments for all children; as well as competencies from the DCF 40-hour Introductory Child Care Training coursework.	
D	Early Childhood Education 4	1 credit
	In this course students will acquire competence in the areas of creating a successful developmentally appropriate curriculum, mentoring, developing the ability to motivate children, recognizing cultural differences when planning activities, including children with special needs, recent trends and issues in early childhood education, and professionalism; as well as competencies from the DCF 40-hour Introductory Child Care Training coursework. They will also complete their Resource File Box, Professional Portfolio, take an on-line Early Literacy Course, pass their First Aid and CPR courses, and complete all requirements for the National CDA.	
Total Credits		4 credits
<p>Important Note: Before exiting program, students must pass all competency exams in the DCF training. Florida Administrative Code 65C-22.003(2)(a) and 65C-22.008(4)(c) requires “successful completion of the 40 hour training as evidenced by passage of competency based examinations with a score of seventy (70) or better.” Students who pass the exams will be able to download official certificates and a transcript from the DCF web site http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/competency-exams. Arrangements for student testing and teacher proctoring should be coordinated through the local Training Coordinating Agency. The Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC) is awarded when all exams are passed, all 4 levels are complete, a High School diploma is awarded, and other requirements listed above are satisfied.</p>		
<h2>ECPC PROGRAM</h2>		