Credentials document successful completion of a specific body of content knowledge.

SC Endeavors awards three levels of credentials as a way to promote career development for those who educate and care for children in our state. Individuals may enroll at their local SC technical/community college to take the coursework. Your earned credential certificate can be downloaded within your registry account.

All courses must have been taken since 2001 at one of the 16 technical/community colleges in South Carolina to earn any Early Childhood credential.

To apply for the Credentials and/or Smart Money Bonus in the Registry:

- Login and upload your transcript from one of the SC Technical Colleges to the Education tab of your registry profile. Transcript must align with the acceptable documentation policy listed on our website.

- You do not have to work in child care to receive a credential.

- Employment must be verified in registry account and submit a W-9 to receive bonus.

TEACH Scholarships may be available for individuals currently working in child care. For more information contact a TEACH counselor at 864-250-8581 or online at scendeavors.org.

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$ **Smart Money Bonuses may be available for individuals who earn credentials.**

Smart Money Bonuses

If you earned a Credential, and meet the following criteria, you will be eligible for a Smart Money Bonus as long as funds are available:

- **18 years or older, and resident of SC**
- **Currently work in a state regulated child care program in SC, and**
- **At least one course for each Level 2 and Level 3 Credential must be taken since January 2012 to qualify for Smart Money Bonuses**

LEVEL 1

SC Early Childhood Credential	$400
School Age Credential	$400

LEVEL 2

Infant/Toddler Credential 2	$600
Preschool Credential 2	$600
Director Credential 2	$600
Special Needs Credential 2	$600
Family Child Care Credential 2	$600

LEVEL 3

Infant/Toddler Credential 3	$1000
Preschool Credential 3	$1000
Director Credential 3	$1000
Special Needs Credential 3	$1000
Family Child Care Credential 3	$1000

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Credentialing System

SC Early Childhood Credential

This credential is awarded for successful completion of the 3-credit hour introductory course, Early Childhood Development 101, (ECD 101), at one of the 16 technical/community colleges in South Carolina. This course serves as the foundation for Level 2 and Level 3 Credentials.

REQUIREMENT
ECD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood

If you have completed ECD 101 (in 2001 or later) with a grade of "C" or higher, you are eligible to receive the SC Early Childhood Credential.

School Age Credential

This credential is awarded for successful completion of the 3-credit hour introductory course in out-of-school time care at one of the 16 technical/community colleges in South Carolina.

REQUIREMENT
SAC 101 Best Practices in School Age and Youth Care Skills

If you have completed SAC 101 with a grade of "C" or higher, you are eligible to receive the School Age Credential.

After earning the SC Early Childhood Credential, students may choose a specialization in one of 5 areas to earn a Level 2 Credential by successfully completing, in 2001 or later, with a grade of "C" or higher the three 3-credit hour courses in their chosen area.

Infant Toddler Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 102	Child Development I
ECD 200	Curriculum Issues in Infant/Toddler Care
ECD 205	Socialization and Group Care of Infants and Toddlers

Preschool Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 102	Child Development I
ECD 105	Guidance and Classroom Management
ECD 107	Exceptional Children

Director Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 105	Guidance and Classroom Management
ECD 108	Family and Community Relations
ECD 109	Administration and Supervision

Special Needs Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 102	Child Development I
ECD 107	Exceptional Children
ECD 210	Early Childhood Intervention or **ECD 132** Creative Expressions

Family Child Care Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 102	Child Development I
ECD 135	Health, Safety, and Nutrition
ECD 205	Socialization and Group Care of Infants/Toddlers

After earning the SC Early Childhood Credential, and Level 2 Credential in one of the 5 specializations, students may choose to continue their specialization by successfully completing in 2001 or later with a grade of "C" or higher the three 3-credit hour courses to earn their Level 3 Credential.

Infant Toddler Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 131	Language Arts
ECD 207	Inclusive Care for Infants/Toddlers
ECD 251	Supervised Field Experience with Infants/Toddlers or **ECD 243** with documentation of IT placement

Preschool Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 131	Language Arts
ECD 132	Creative Expressions or **ECD 133** Science and Math
ECD 203	Child Development II

Director Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 135	Health, Safety, and Nutrition
ECD 201	Principles of Ethics and Leadership
MGT 121	Small Business Management or **MGT 120 /MGT 101**

Special Needs Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 203	Child Development II
ECD 207	Inclusive Care of Infants/Toddlers
ECD 260	Methods of Teaching Special Needs or **ECD 259** Behavior Management or **ECD 253** American Sign Language

Family Child Care Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

ECD 108	Family and Community Relations
ECD 131	Language Arts
MGT 121	Small Business Management or **MGT 120/MGT 101**