



## Early Care and Education Career Ladder

Created to support the professional development system for early care and education professionals developed by SC Endeavors and funded by the Department of Social Services.

<b>LEVEL 1</b>	■ High school diploma or equivalent
<b>LEVEL 2</b>	■ SC Early Childhood Education Credential Level 1 – (3 ECE credit hours) ■ Degree out of field with no ECE credit hours
<b>LEVEL 3</b>	■ SC Early Childhood Education Credential Level 2 – (12 ECE credit hours) ■ Current/Valid National Child Development Associate (CDA)
<b>LEVEL 4</b>	■ SC Early Childhood Education Credential Level 3 – (21 ECE credit hours) ■ Early Childhood Certificate/Diploma – (27 ECE credit hours)
<b>LEVEL 5</b>	■ Associate’s Degree in a related field with 18 ECE credit hours ■ Bachelor’s Degree out of field with 12 ECE credit hours
<b>LEVEL 6</b>	■ Montessori Certification AMI/USA or AMS ■ Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Education ■ Bachelor’s Degree in related field with 12 ECE credit hours ■ Bachelor’s Degree out of field with 27 ECE credit hours
<b>LEVEL 7</b>	■ Bachelor’s Degree in a related field with 18 ECE credit hours
<b>LEVEL 8</b>	■ Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood ■ Master’s Degree in a related field with 18 ECE credit hours
<b>LEVEL 9</b>	■ Master’s Degree in Early Childhood Education ■ Doctoral Degree in related field with 18 ECE credit hours
<b>LEVEL 10</b>	■ Doctoral Degree in Early Childhood Education

■ Entry Education Tier in ABCQ
■ Skilled Education Tier in ABCQ
■ Accomplished Education Tier in ABCQ

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