Oklahoma Director's Credential Criteria

	LEVEL				
	BRONZE	COPPER	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
GENERAL EDUCATION	High School Diploma -or- GED	BS, BA[3], or any advanced degree beyond bachelors level	3 credit hours[4] in English Composition I	AA, AS, AAS[7]	PhD, EdD[1], MS, MA[2], BS, BA[3]
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) CHILD DEVELOPMENT (CD) SCHOOL-AGE (SA) KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS	6 ECE/CD/SA credit hours[4] -or- CDA/CCP[10] -or- Oklahoma Competency Certificate in ECE[13]	Not required	Certificate of Mastery[9] -or- 9 ECE/CD/SA credit hours[4] -or- CDA/CCP[10]	12 ECE/CD/SA credit hours[4]	15 ECE/CD/SA credit hours[4]
ADMINISTRATION (ADMIN) MANAGEMENT (MGT) KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS	3 admin/mgt credit hours[4] -or- approved admin/mgt credential[14] -or- 40 admin/mgt clock-hours[15]	Not required	6 admin/mgt credit hours[4] -or- Directors' Leadership Academy I & II[8] -or- Director's Certificate of Completion[11] -or- Pathway Director Training[12]	6 admin/mgt credit hours[4] -or- Directors' Leadership Academy I & II[8]	9 admin/mgt credit hours[4]
EXPERIENCE	12 months[5]	12 months[5]	9 months[5]	6 months[5]	3 months[5]
ANNUAL RENEWAL CLOCK-HOURS	20 hours job related training[6]	30 hours job related training[6]	30 hours job related training[6]	30 hours job related training[6]	30 hours job related training[6]

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FOOTNOTES

1. Doctoral Degree of Philosophy, Doctoral Degree of Education.
2. Master Degree of Science, Master Degree of Art.
3. Bachelor Degree of Science, Bachelor Degree of Art.
4. Approved college credit hours must be on the Recommended Approved Coursework List (www.cecpd.org) and articulate to a two- or four-year college or university.
5. Qualifying experience must be as a teacher, master teacher, family child care home primary caregiver, assistant director, or director in a licensed or legally exempt child care setting (30 hours per week).
6. No more than 6 clock-hours of informal professional development is counted toward annual renewal hours. Training in the core content areas identified in "Oklahoma Core Competencies for Early Childhood Practitioners": 1) child growth and development; 2) health, safety and nutrition; 3) child observation and assessment; 4) family and community partnerships; 5) learning environments and curriculum; 6) interactions with children; 7) program planning, development and evaluation; and/or 8) professionalism and leadership. NOTE: Entry Level Child Care Training-(ELCCT) cannot be used to meet level or renewal criteria.
7. Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science.
8. Directors' Leadership Academy is available through the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (www.cecpd.org).
9. The Certificate of Mastery in child development or early childhood education is a minimum 18-credit hour certificate awarded by an Oklahoma community college.
10. Current Child Development Associate (CDA) or Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) credential.
11. Certificate of Completion for directors and assistant directors is issued by the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care (www.okhighered.org/scholars/).
12. Early Care and Education: Director's Pathway to Program Administration is available through Oklahoma Career Technology Centers (www.okhighered.org/scholars/career-tech.shtml).
13. Master Teacher or Director Competency Certificate only awarded by Oklahoma Department of Career Technology. Contact your local technology center for information.
14. Approved administration/management credential, such as the National Administrator Credential (NAC).
15. Training approved through the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry, with at least 10 clock-hours in any three management core knowledge areas: Educational Programming & Family Support; Personnel & Professional Self-Awareness; Staff Management & Human Relations; Leadership & Advocacy; Program Operation & Facilities Management; Legal Management; or Fiscal Management.

NOTE: Completion of Director's Entry Level Training (DELT) course meets 20 clock-hours of this requirement. Informal professional development is not counted toward meeting this requirement.

Family Child Care Home Entry Level Training (FHELT), Director's Entry Level Training (DELT), and Out-of-School Time Entry Level Training (OST-ELT) can only be counted one time toward renewal hours.

