The purpose of the Trainer Credential is to document and recognize a trainer’s knowledge and expertise related to the Colorado Competencies for Early Childhood Educators and Administrators as established through the Early Childhood Professional Credential, a trainer’s knowledge and expertise in Adult Learning and Training Design, and to support the trainer’s ongoing professional development. Trainers interested in providing training in broad early childhood topics should apply for a Basic, Intermediate or Advanced Trainer Credential.

Trainer Credential requirements include:

**Basic (3 year award period)**
- EC Professional Credential Level III
- PDIS Adult Learning & Training Design OR Acceptable Equivalent
- Completed Core Competencies for Trainers Self-Assessment
- At least one Goal established for the Role of Trainer in the PD Plan
- A Description of Experience Supporting Adults to be included in the Trainer Bio

**Intermediate (3 year award period)**
- EC Professional Credential Level IV
- PDIS Adult Learning & Training Design OR Acceptable Equivalent
- Completed Core Competencies for Trainers Self-Assessment
- At least one Goal established for the Role of Trainer in the PD Plan
- A Description of Experience Supporting Adults to be included in the Trainer Bio

**Advanced (3 year award period)**
- EC Professional Credential Level V
- PDIS Adult Learning & Training Design OR Acceptable Equivalent
- Completed Core Competencies for Trainers Self-Assessment
- At least one Goal established for the Role of Trainer in the PD Plan
- A Description of Experience Supporting Adults to be included in the Trainer Bio
Specialty (3 year award period)

The Specialty Trainer Credential is intended for individuals who provide training on topics that are not specifically focused on early childhood, but that are relevant for early childhood professionals. For example, a business training provided by an accountant; a health, safety or nutrition training provided by a nurse; or, a specialized mental health or intervention strategies training provided by a mental health professional. The specialized knowledge area documented by the trainer must be directly related to the content of the training.

Specialty Trainer Credential requirements include:

- A Description of Experience Supporting Adults to be included in the Trainer Bio
- Documentation of Specialized Knowledge Area (for example: certification, degree, license)
- Specialty Training Description

**TRAINER CREDENTIAL RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS**

As of January 2020, the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Human Services are reviewing renewal criteria to ensure the renewal requirements are serving the field in the best way possible. All Credentialed Trainers will receive communications about renewal requirements when they are finalized.

Learn more about all PDIS Credentials HERE. When trainer credential renewal requirements are finalized, view the Trainer Credential page for current information. If you have further questions, please contact the PDIS Help Desk at pdishelp@cde.state.co.us or 1.844.447.4441, option 2.