



PDIS Trainer Credential Overview

The purpose of the Trainer Credential is to document 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

RENEWAL:

- 25 hours of continuing education related to adult learning/early childhood or at least 2 credit hours
- Evidence must be presented of having taught three courses/workshops in the past 3 years

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

RENEWAL:

- 25 hours of continuing education related to adult learning/early childhood or at least 2 credit hours
- Evidence must be presented of having taught three courses/workshops in the past 3 years

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

RENEWAL:

- 50 hours of continuing education related to adult learning/early childhood or at least 6 credit hours
- Evidence must be presented of having taught three courses/workshops in the past 3 years

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

RENEWAL:

- 25 hours of continuing education related to adult learning/early childhood or at least 2 credit hours
- Evidence must be presented of having taught three courses/workshops in the past 3 years

Learn more about all PDIS Credentials [HERE](#). If you have further questions, please contact the PDIS Help Desk at pdishelp@cde.state.co.us or 1.844.447.4441, option 2.

