

Entry-Level Non-Credit Courses for Licensed Child Care Centers

Effective September 1, 2003, the Department of Children and Families introduced redesigned non-credit courses that meet entry-level training requirements for licensed child care centers. These department-approved, non-credit courses meet the entry-level training requirements under DCF 250 Licensing Rules for Family Child Care Centers and DCF 251 Licensing Rules for Group Child Care Centers.

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CLASS	CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN A FAMILY CHILD CARE CENTER	ASSISTANT TEACHER IN A GROUP CHILD CARE CENTER	CHILD CARE TEACHER IN A GROUP CHILD CARE CENTER
Introduction to the Child Care Profession (replaced Early Childhood I)	Required (May be provided in 2 modules—Module A and Module B. Both modules are required)	Required within 6 months after assuming position	Required
Fundamentals of Infant and Toddler Care (replaced Infant & Toddler)	* Required within 6 months of beginning to care for children under 2 years of age.	* Required within 6 months of beginning to care for child under 2 years of age.	* Required within 6 months of beginning to care for children under 2 years of age.
Fundamentals of Family Child Care	Required	Not Required	Not Required
Skills and Strategies for the Child Care Teacher (replaced Early Childhood II)	Not Required	Not Required	Required

All agencies approved to offer DCF-approved, entry-level courses, including technical colleges and private agencies, began using the new courses on September 1, 2003. A list of private agencies approved to offer courses and other information that may be of interest to child care providers is available on the DCF website <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ccregulation/providers>.

Non-credit courses completed prior to September 1, 2003, will continue to be accepted to meet the entry level training requirements.

Introduction to the Child Care Profession and *Fundamentals of Infant and Toddler Care* taken on or after September 1, 2001, meet the training requirement for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) risk reduction procedures. If this training was taken prior to September 1, 2001, a provider shall document successful completion of SIDS training.

Introduction to the Child Care Profession and *Fundamentals of Infant and Toddler Care* taken after July 1, 2005, meet the training requirement for Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)/Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) prevention training. If these courses were taken prior to July 1, 2005, a provider shall document successful completion of SBS/AHT training.

Please contact your licensing specialist if you have any questions.

*This is required regardless of whether the person is a floater, full time or part time.