



**Florida Department of Education
Office of Early Learning
School-Year VPK Instructor Credential Qualifications: Public and
Private Providers**

John Winn, Commissioner

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Shan Goff, Executive Director

Applicant Name: _____ **Date of Review:** _____

Reviewer Name: _____ **Eligible/Not Eligible:** _____

Instructions: An applicant must meet at least one of the following options. For option 1, 2, or 3 the applicant must have "yes" checked in both or all components. For options 5 and 7 the applicant must have "yes" checked in one option. Note: The term "degree" means an educational credential awarded by an institution of higher education, not an educator certificate or other professional license.

Option	Florida Statutes	Requirements	Y	N	Comments
1	s.1002.55(3)(c)1a	CDA issued by the Council for Professional Recognition and			
		Completion of the DOE Emergent Literacy Course			
2	s.1002.55(3)(c)1b	CDAE issued by a DCF-approved program and			
		Completion of the DOE Emergent Literacy Course			
3	s.1002.55(4)(d)	An associate's or higher degree in an unrelated field and			
		At least 6 credit hours in early childhood education or child development and			
		At least 480 hours of experience in teaching or providing child care services for children any age from birth through 8 years of age			
4	s.1002.55(4)(c)	An associate's or higher degree in child development			
5	s.1002.55(4)(a)	A bachelor's or higher degree in early childhood education or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in prekindergarten or primary education or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in preschool education or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in family and consumer science			
6	s.1002.55(4)(b)	A bachelor's or higher degree in elementary education if the prekindergarten instructor has been certified to teach children any age from birth through 6th grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certificate need not be current • certificate need not be from Florida, but may not be suspended or revoked 			
7	s.1002.55(4)(e) (Equivalent degrees approved by the State Board of Education, June 21, 2005)	An associate's degree in early childhood education or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in exceptional student education or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in special education or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in mental disabilities or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in specific learning disabilities or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in physically impaired or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in varying exceptionalities or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in emotional disabilities or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in hearing impaired or			
		A bachelor's or higher degree in speech-language pathology			

CDA-Child Development Associate
DCF-Department of Children and Families

CDAE-Child Development Associate Equivalent
DOE-Department of Education