

**New York State Training And Technical Assistance Professional Credential
Professional Development Specialist
Levels with Alternate Routes**

Effective January 1, 2015

LEVEL 1		
Route	Education	Professional Experience in the Early Care and Learning Field <small>(2 years of professional experience must be from working with children and families)</small>
Standard	Associate's Degree in Early Childhood or Child Development OR An Associate's Degree in a related field with 18 credits in Early Childhood or Child Development	3 years
Alternate 1	Associate's Degree or 60 college credits in an unrelated field WITH	5 years
	12 credits in Early Childhood, Child Development or Childhood related course work	
LEVEL 2		
Route	Education	Professional Experience in the Early Care and Learning Field <small>(2 years of professional experience must be from working with children and families)</small>
Standard	Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood or Child Development OR Bachelor's Degree in a related field with 24 Credits in Early Childhood, Child Development	3 years
Alternate 1	Bachelor's Degree in an unrelated field WITH	5 years
	12 credits in Early Childhood, Child Development or Childhood related course work	
LEVEL 3		
Route	Education	Professional Experience in the Early Care and Learning Field <small>(2 years of professional experience must be from working with children and families)</small>
Standard	Master's Ed.D and/or Ph.D Degree in Early Childhood or Child Development	3 years
Alternate 1	Master's Ed.D and/or Ph.D Degree WITH 30 credits in Early Childhood, Child Development or Childhood related course work	5 years

Childhood Related Course Work includes credits in the following:

- ***Early Childhood***
- ***Elementary and Special Education***
- ***Child Development***

Approved Trainer Types

There are four types of approved trainers; Aspire-Registered; Verified; Professional Development Specialist (Early Childhood, School-Age or both); and Content Specialist. All approved trainers must have an active Aspire Trainer Profile. For more information visit:

<http://nyworksforchildren.org/ForTrainersandCoaches/ApprovedTrainerTypes.aspx>

Aspire Registered Trainer- Have a complete Aspire Trainer Profile and have a minimum Career Ladder Level of 2. Aspire Registered Trainers will not be eligible to obtain EIP reimbursement as of January 1, 2014.

Verified Trainer- Approved to train **ONLY** on specific curricula for which they've successfully completed an official train-the-trainer program. Trainers hold an endorsement from the curriculum developer and all endorsements are verified by Aspire, the statewide workforce registry.

Professional Development Specialist-Approved to train on general Early Childhood and/or School Age content and has been awarded one of the three (3) New York State Training and Technical Assistance Professional Credential as a Professional Development Specialist in Early Childhood, School Age or both Early Childhood and School Age. General Early Childhood and School Age content includes training that covers the New York State Core Competency Areas and the New York State Office and Family Services Training Priorities 1-9.

Content Specialist- Approved to provide non-credit bearing training **ONLY** within their area of expertise (e.g. health, safety, accounting, law, etc.). These specialized topics do not require a background in early childhood education, but are relevant to the quality of early childhood program development. Content Specialist Trainers may hold a professional license and/or have a degree related to the specialty area.

Trainer Types and EIP Reimbursement

Trainer Level	Approved to Receive EIP Reimbursement for Delivering Non-credit Bearing Face-to-Face Training in:			Approved to Use the Aspire Statewide Training Calendar	Application Process Requirements		
	Specific Curricula	General Early Childhood and/or School Age Content	Specialized Topics		Active Aspire Trainer Profile	Letters of Reference	Trainer Portfolio
Aspire Registered				✓	✓		
Verified	Only curricula in which the trainer holds a current, valid endorsement. See the list of curricula for which an endorsement is required at www.nyworksforchildren.org/trainersandcoaches .			✓	✓		
PDS Early Childhood		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
PDS School Age		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
PDS Early Childhood and School Age		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Content Specialist				✓	✓	✓	✓