



KENTUCKY

Industry Certifications & Credentials *Guidance Document*

- *Commonwealth Child Care Credential (CCCC) - Certificate of Eligibility*
 - 60 hours of coursework and field hours required in 7 subject areas
 - Must be 18 years of age and employed in a licensed child care facility to finalize paperwork with local PD counselor
 - Offered to preparatory students in the Early Childhood Education Pathway who have completed 2 of their 3 credits in Child & Human Development and CDS I

[CCCC / CDA Grid](#)

[CCCC / CDA Grid – Reference Guide](#)

[Award Certificate](#)

[Local PD Counselors](#)

- *Child Development Associate (CDA)*
 - Internationally- Recognized, Portable Credential
 - Additional 60 hours of training, 480 clock hours of experience working with children (either infant/toddler OR preschool), CDA national exam, site visit observations / interview & portfolio required beyond CCCC Certificate of Eligibility
 - \$425 application / assessment fee

[National CDA Council for Professional Recognition](#)

- *Kentucky Early Care & Education Orientation Certificate*
 - Requires 6 hours of training
 - Offered only to preparatory students enrolled in Child Dev. Services I / II

- Must be offered by a credentialed Orientation Trainer
 - FCS Teachers are eligible to become Orientation Trainers
- *ServSafe Food Managers Certification*
 - National Food Manager's Certification – 6th Edition
 - Offered only to preparatory students enrolled in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services Pathways
 - Approximate Cost: \$86.00 per student (includes workbook and exam answer sheet)

[ServSafe website](#)
- *Pre-PAC (Pre - Professional Assessment & Certification) Assessments*
 - Offered by AAFCS Credentialing Center
 - \$20.00 for Single, One-Time Administration & \$30.00 for Test / Retake Option
 - Broad Field Family & Consumer Sciences
 - Culinary Arts
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Education Fundamentals
 - Family & Community Services
 - Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel
 - Food Science Fundamentals
 - Housing & Furnishings
 - Interior Design Fundamentals
 - Nutrition, Food, and Wellness
 - Personal & Family Finance

[Pre-PAC Home Page](#)

FCS Teacher Credentialing & Certification Opportunities

- *Kentucky Early Care & Education Trainer's Credential*
 - Valid for three years
 - Must complete the following:
 - Attend the Fundamentals of Effective Training (FET) Seminar
 - Attend the Introduction in KY for Early Care and Education Trainers
 - Complete the Early Care & Education Trainer's Credential Application
 - Maintain 45 clock hours of training and PD

[University of Kentucky TIPP – Training Information & Resources](#)

- ServSafe Trainer
 - Must possess a current ServSafe Food Protection Manager's Certificate
 - Apply online for Dual Role Status (Certified Instructor and Registered Proctor)
 - Must renew every five years

- AAFCS - PAC (*Professional Assessment & Certification*) Professional Certifications
 - Valid for three years
 - Must obtain a minimum of 75 PDU's
 - Exams include:
 - FCS Composite Exam
 - Human Development and Family Studies Exam
 - Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Science Exam
 - Personal and Family Finance Educator



REMINDERS:

All industry certifications and assessments are ONLY VALID FOR PREPARATORY STUDENTS (*completed two credits and are enrolled in at least their third credit*) in the corresponding approved FCS pathways.

Please reference the following document to ensure that you are offering the correct KOSSA and/or Industry Certification to your career pathway students.

[2013-2014 KY Valid KOSSA and Industry Certifications](#)

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