

NC School Age Professional Certification Scale

Certification is an acknowledgement of an individual's verified level of educational achievement, based on a standardized scale. It is not permission to work. The following notes apply to multiple levels throughout the scale:

- Of the birth to twelve hours, at least half must be school age focused. "School Age" coursework includes courses in the following categories: School Age, Elementary, Youth Development and Parks and Recreation.
- General education, such as English, Math and Science, is coursework earned toward a two or four year degree.

Valid Period	Level	Education Required
5 yrs	13	Doctorate Degree plus or including at least 18 birth to twelve focused semester hours
5 yrs 5 yrs	12	Doctorate Degree plus or including at least 12 birth to twelve focused semester hours <i>or</i> Master's Degree plus or including at least 18 birth to twelve focused semester hours
5 yrs 5 yrs	11	Master's Degree plus or including at least 12 birth to twelve focused semester hours <i>or</i> Bachelor's Degree plus or including at least 18 birth to twelve focused semester hours
5 yrs 5 yrs	10	Bachelor's Degree plus or including at least 12 birth to twelve focused semester hours <i>or</i> 90 semester hours toward a Bachelor's Degree including at least 18 birth to twelve focused semester hours
5 yrs 5 yrs 5 yrs	9	Doctorate Degree plus or including at least 6 school age focused semester hours <i>or</i> Master's Degree plus or including at least 6 school age focused semester hours <i>or</i> Bachelor's Degree plus or including at least 6 school age focused semester hours
5 yrs 3 yrs 3 yrs 3 yrs	8	Associate Degree plus or including at least 24 birth to twelve focused semester hours <i>or</i> <i>Doctorate Degree (less than 6 school age focused semester hours)* or</i> <i>Master's Degree (less than 6 school age focused semester hours)* or</i> <i>Bachelor's Degree (less than 6 school age focused semester hours)*</i>
3 yrs 3 yrs	7	Associate Degree plus or including at least 18 birth to twelve focused semester hours <i>or</i> 57 semester hours of general education including at least 24 birth to twelve focused semester hours
3 yrs 3 yrs	6	Associate Degree plus or including at least 12 birth to twelve focused semester hours <i>or</i> 45 semester hours of general education including at least 18 birth to twelve focused semester hours
3 yrs 3 yrs	5	Associate Degree plus or including at least 6 school age focused semester hours <i>or</i> 70 semester hours of general education including at least 6 school age focused semester hours
3 yrs 3 yrs 3 yrs	4	36 semester hours of general education including at least 12 birth to twelve focused semester hours <i>or</i> <i>Associate Degree (less than 6 school age focused semester hours)* or</i> <i>70 semester hours of general education (less than 6 school age focused semester hours)*</i>
3 yrs	3	24 semester hours of general education including at least 6 school age focused semester hours
3 yrs 3 yrs 3 yrs	2	18 semester hours of general education including at least 4 school age focused semester hours <i>or</i> School Age Education Certificate <i>or</i> 12 birth to twelve focused semester hours
3 yrs 3 yrs	1	6 school age focused semester hours <i>or</i> Successful completion of NC School Age Credential coursework
3 yrs	PP	Para-Professional – less than the North Carolina School Age Credential or less than 6 school age focused semester hours



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