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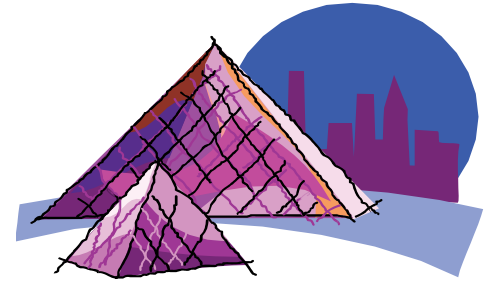


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Invites your participation in the



**Tennessee
Early
Childhood
Program
Administrator
Credential**

*Your life only gets better when you do.
Your staff only get better when you become a
better manager. Go to work on yourself.*
—Brian Tracy

What is the Tennessee Early Childhood Program Administrator Credential?

The Tennessee Early Childhood Program Administrator Credential is the recognition awarded to early childhood administrators who have demonstrated the specific competencies for effective leadership and management through academics, experiences, and portfolio assessment.

Why does Tennessee need a state issued Administrator Credential?

State leadership at the Department of Human Services acknowledges the well documented relationship between overall administrative practices and quality outcomes for children and families. The state credential provides another level of recognition as part of the quality rating system.

Will the Administrator Credential help me earn national accreditation?

Early childhood program administrators who have earned a state issued administrator credential, have multiple years of experience, and a minimum of an associate degree will be able to meet the alternate pathway required for NAEYC accreditation standards.

How do I get started?

Step 1-Complete the Initial Application at any TECTA site.

Step 2-Create your Professional Development Plan.

Step 3-Apply to the Administrator Academy

How long does it take to earn the credential?

That depends on you! It could take 6-12 months to complete the Administrator Academy.

How much does it cost to earn the credential?

It will cost YOU a commitment of time and energy. Tuition expenses and advisement are paid through the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance.

Tennessee Early Childhood Program Administrator Credential (TECPAC)

Level	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS			ADMINISTRATOR ACADEMY		
	Educa-tion	Experience	Early Care & Education Knowledge	Admin & Mgmt Knowledge	Application Requirements	Renewal
Provisional	HS diploma or GED.	Current position is as a program administrator in a licensed early childhood agency	Early Childhood Coursework in the areas of Environment, Curriculum, and Families. (11-12 credit hours*)	Child care Administration, Leadership, or Business Management (6 credit hours)	Portfolio Components, TWO years of experience as a program administrator	Renewal @ 3 years
Standard	Associate (two-year) degree	(Same as above) + TWO years of experience as program administrator	(Same as above) +18 additional credit hours* of early childhood coursework	Child care Administration, Leadership, and Business Management (9 credit hours)	Portfolio Components, THREE years of experience as a program administrator	Renewal @ 3 years
Advanced	Baccalaureate (four-year) degree		+ 11-12 credit hours (within degree or in addition to degree*) of early childhood coursework			Renewal @ 5 years
Master	Master (graduate -level) degree					

(*THEC Approved accredited institution)

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