

CONNECTICUT PARENTING EDUCATOR CREDENTIAL
Approved by CT PEN Leadership Committee – MAY 2010

Provisional Level – Non-Renewable

Expires in four years

- Official Transcripts Verifying Education: H.S. Diploma (or GED) or higher level of education.
- Completion of required non-credit online course - *Fundamentals of Parenting Education*
- Documentation of Completion: Research-based training in any one of the following curriculums depending on ages of children of families served:
 - Parents-As-Teachers (birth to 5) (Includes Home Visiting)
 - Building Family Futures (Birth to school-age)
 - Strengthening Families (school-age)
- Verification of Experience –
 - 1 year as a parenting educator (full-time or equivalent); and
 - Receiving direct individual supervision on a regular basis.
- Proof of Membership in CT PEN (verified by name on CT PEN membership list)

In order to move from Provisional Level to Level 1: Holders of the PROVISIONAL LEVEL Parenting Educator Credential MUST meet the additional requirement of 12 credits or equivalent (described in checklist – page 4) in order to receive a valid and renewable Level 1 Parenting Educator Credential on or before the expiration date of the provisional certificate.

Level 1 Parenting Educator – Requirements

Valid: 3 years

- Official Transcripts Verifying Education: H.S. Diploma (or GED) or higher level of education
- Completion of required non-credit online course - *Fundamentals of Parenting Education*
- Official Transcripts Verifying 12 credits or equivalent in the following subject areas:
 - Lifespan/Human Development (e.g., Infancy, Childhood, Adolescent, Adulthood)
 - Family Systems (e.g., Family Dynamics, Work and Family, Single, Divorced, and Blended Families)
 - Group Process and Dynamics (e.g. Interpersonal Communication, Family Communications, Theory of Group Management, Group Dynamics)
 - Adult Learning Theory and Methods (e.g. Learning Theory, Managing Learning Environments; Engaged Learning)
- Documentation of Research-based training in any one of the following curriculums depending on ages of children of families served:
 - Parents-As-Teachers (birth to 5) (Includes Home Visiting)
 - Building Family Futures (Birth to school-age)
 - Strengthening Families (school-age)
- Verification of Experience –
 - 1 year as a parenting educator (full-time 35 hrs/wk, or equivalent); and
 - Receiving direct individual supervision on a regular basis.
- Proof of Membership in CT PEN (verified by name on CT PEN membership list)

* **Limited Time - Pathway Available from Level 1 to Level 2:** Applicants must meet all requirements of the Level 1 Parenting Educator, and have at least 10 years documented parenting educator experience. ***Applications will only be accepted within first 6 months of Credential roll-out. Complete Documentation must be received within a year of application.***

Level 2 Parenting Educator – Requirements

Valid: 3 years

- Official Transcripts Verifying Education: Associate Degree
- Official Transcripts Verifying 12 credits or equivalent in the following subject areas:
 - Lifespan/Human Development (e.g., Infancy, Childhood, Adolescent, Adulthood)
 - Family Systems (e.g., Family Dynamics, Work and Family, Single, Divorced, and Blended Families)
 - Group Process and Dynamics (e.g. Interpersonal Communication, Family Communications, Theory of Group Management, Group Dynamics)
 - Adult Learning Theory and Methods (e.g. Learning Theory, Managing Learning Environments; Engaged Learning)
- Completion of required non-credit online course - *Fundamentals of Parenting Education*
- Documentation of Research-based training in any one of the following curriculums depending on ages of children of families served:
 - Parents-As-Teachers (birth to 5) (Includes Home Visiting)
 - Building Family Futures (Birth to school-age)
 - Strengthening Families (school-age)
- Verification of Experience –
 - 1 year (full-time 35 hrs/wk, or equivalent) as a parenting educator if AA/AS is in related field; 2 years as a parenting educator if in unrelated field; and
 - Receiving direct individual supervision on a regular basis
- Proof of Membership in CT PEN

* **Limited Time - Pathway Available from Level 2 to Level 3:** Applicants must meet all requirements of the Level 2 Parenting Educator, and have at least 10 years documented parenting educator experience. ***Applications will only be accepted within first 6 months of Credential roll-out. Complete Documentation must be received within a year of application.***

Level 3 Parenting Educator – Requirements

Valid: 3 years

- Official Transcripts Verifying Education: Bachelor’s Degree
- Official Transcripts Verifying 12 credits or equivalent in the following subject areas:
 - Lifespan/Human Development (e.g., Infancy, Childhood, Adolescent, Adulthood)
 - Family Systems (e.g., Family Dynamics, Work and Family, Single, Divorced, and Blended Families)
 - Group Process and Dynamics (e.g. Interpersonal Communication, Family Communications, Theory of Group Management, Group Dynamics)
 - Adult Learning Theory and Methods (e.g. Learning Theory, Managing Learning Environments; Engaged Learning)
- Completion of required non-credit course - *Fundamentals of Parenting Education*
- Documentation of Research-based training in any one of the following curriculums depending on ages of children of families served:
 - Parents-As-Teachers (birth to 5) (Includes Home Visiting)
 - Building Family Futures (Birth to school-age)
 - Strengthening Families (school-age)
- Verification of Experience – 2 years (full-time, 35 hrs/wk, or equivalent) as a parenting educator if BA/BS is in related field; 4 years as a parenting educator if in unrelated field.
- Proof of Membership in CT PEN (verified by name on CT PEN membership list)

* **Limited Time - Pathway Available from Level 3 to Level 4:** Applicants must meet all requirements of the Level 3 Parenting Educator, and have at least 10 years documented experience as a parenting educator with five of the years in an administrative/supervisory capacity. ***Applications will only be accepted within first 6 months of Credential roll-out. Complete Documentation must be received within a year of application.***

Level 4 Parenting Educator – Requirements

Valid: 3 years

- Official Transcripts Verifying: Master’s Degree
- Official Transcripts Verifying 12 credits or equivalent in the following subject areas:
 - Lifespan/Human Development (e.g., Infancy, Childhood, Adolescent, Adulthood)
 - Family Systems (e.g., Family Dynamics, Work and Family, Single, Divorced, and Blended Families)
 - Group Process and Dynamics (e.g. Interpersonal Communication, Family Communications, Theory of Group Management, Group Dynamics)
 - Adult Learning Theory and Methods (e.g. Learning Theory, Managing Learning Environments; Engaged Learning)
- Completion of required non-credit course - *Fundamentals of Parenting Education*
- Documentation of Research-based training in any one of the following curriculums depending on ages of children of families served, such as:
 - Parents-As-Teachers (birth to 5) (Includes Home Visiting)
 - Building Family Futures (Birth to school-age)
 - Strengthening Families (school-age)
- Verification of Experience – 2 years (full-time: 35 hrs/wk, or equivalent) as a parenting educator if MA/MS is in related field; 4 years as a parenting educator if in unrelated field.
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RENEWAL – Renewal cost is \$75 - Every three years from date of issue – ALL Levels (except Provisional which is non-renewable). Renewal requires 45 hours of documented professional development related to parenting education that has been completed within the three years between date of issue and renewal date.

Pathways to Meeting Educational Requirements:

Education requirements for the CT Parenting Educator Credential can be met through one or more of the following pathways:

- Approved credit-based course work offered by regionally accredited 2yr or 4yr colleges or universities, or institutions of higher education accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher Education.
- Approved standardized tests (e.g., CLEP, DSST/DANTES).
- Non-Collegiate programs recommended for credit by Charter Oak State College through the Connecticut Credit Assessment Program (CCAP). For example, approved CCAP courses are offered by The Children’s Trust Fund, All Our Kin, CT Charters-A-Course, and The Hartford Area Child Care Collaborative.
- Holders of the Family Development Credential (FDC) issued by The Children’s Trust Fund may meet requirements for six credits toward the CT Parenting Educator Credential by meeting education requirements for *Family Systems and Adult Learning*.