NC Infant-Toddler Program Continuing Professional Development Approved Entities

The North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program (NC ITP) <u>Policy and Procedures for Personnel Certification</u> (Revised September 1, 2018) applies to early intervention service coordination and special instruction services. Continuing professional development is required for all certificate holders.

The annual continuing professional development requirement is

- ✓ 10 contact hours (1.0 CEU) per year, to be obtained between January 1 and December 31 of the year
- ✓ Contact hours/CEU credits must focus on infants and toddlers with or without disabilities, and their families
- ✓ Contact hours must be obtained from one or more of the approved entities listed below (These entities are known for high quality, evidence-based professional development)

Approved Entities:

- Accredited U.S. Universities, Colleges, and Community Colleges (courses/trainings)
 - o A course grade of "C" or better is required.
 - o 1 semester hour = 15 contact hours / 1 quarter hour = 10 contact hours

To obtain credit for a course or training the university, college, or community college must be regionally accredited by one of these nationally recognized regional accrediting commissions for colleges and universities: Higher Learning Commission, Middle States Commission on Higher Education (HE), New England Commission of HE, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

- Association for University Centers on Disabilities
- Autism Society
- Brazelton's Touchpoint Center
- Center for Child and Family Health
- Center for Parent Information and Resources Regional Parent Technical Assistance Centers
- Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) approved in-house training
- <u>Division for Early Childhood</u>
- Early Childhood and Family Associations includes local, state, and national chapters, e.g., <u>National Association for the Education of Young Children</u> <u>NC Infant Mental Health Association</u> Zero to Three National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families
- Family, Infant, and Preschool Program
- The Hanen Center
- Local, State, and National Government (these websites typically end in .gov or .us), e.g.,
 - NC Department of Health and Human Services
 - NC Department of Public Instruction
 - NC Partnership for Children/Smart Start Office of Head Start
 - U.S. Department of Education
 - U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- NC AHECs
- Parents as Teachers

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- Part C Trainings (accessible within the U.S.)
- Positive Childhood Alliance NC
- Professional Clinical Associations, Boards and Councils, e.g.,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Physical Therapy Association

American Psychological Association

American Speech Language Hearing Association

Association of Social Work Boards

Council on Social Work Education National Association of Social Workers

National Board for Certified Counselors

NC Board of Physical Therapy

NC Occupational Therapy Association

NC Psychological Association

NC Speech, Hearing, and Language Association

- Professional Medical Associations, e.g., <u>American Academy of Pediatrics American Medical Association</u>
 American Nurses Credentialing Center NC Pediatric Society
- Publishing Companies (NC ITP recommended resources, e.g., DAYC, Pyramid Model)
- Resources for Resilience
- Siskin Children's Center
- TEACCH
- Triple P Positive Parenting

If the approved source does not offer a certificate upon completion of training, in order to receive credit, participants will need to provide copies of the training materials, such as any slides, PowerPoints, articles, or other information used and/or provided before or during the training, which must be attached to the *NC ITP Documentation of Continuing Professional Development* form. Additionally, participants must include a statement about how the training supports evidence-based practices for infants and toddlers and a short paragraph describing how the participant will apply the information from the training to their practice.

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