

Guidance in Meeting Pre-K Lead Teacher Credential Requirements

Bachelor's degree, not related to Early Childhood Education

Pre-K lead teachers who hold a Bachelor's degree, not related to Early Childhood Education (ECE) must also hold one of the following approved ECE credentials:

- Associates Degree with an ECE major (78 credit hrs.)
- Technical College Diploma (TCD) with an ECE major (57 credit hrs.)
- Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) with an ECE major (9 -15 credit hrs.)
- Montessori Teaching Diploma
 - o *Montessori courses must be taken from an accredited affiliate of the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE)*

Information about the approved credentials, including program locations and course schedules can be found:

TCC, TCD and
Associates Degree
www.tcsg.edu

Montessori Teaching Diploma
www.macte.org

Online Learning
Georgia Virtual Technical
Connection online programs
www.gvtc.org

Transferring College Credits Already Earned

Teachers with a bachelor's degree can often transfer college credits they already earned and apply them toward requirements in TCC, TCD and associate degree programs. PRIOR to enrolling in a program, teachers should inquire about transfer credit policies and credit hour residency requirements.

Financial Support

Teachers who meet certain eligibility requirements may qualify for a DECAL Scholars program. (SCHOLARSHIPS, INCENTIVES, and AWARDS for Early Educators).

SCHOLARSHIPS is Georgia's statewide educational assistance program for early care and education professionals pursuing credentials or degrees in early childhood education or child development.

INCENTIVES is a salary bonus program that rewards education and tenure (the length and time a teacher stays at one job).

AWARDS for Early Educators is a federally-funded, time limited program with three levels of awards. Each level provides a single payment award for earning a higher credential or degree.



DECAL Scholars programs are administered by Care Solutions, Inc. For questions about either program, call Care Solutions directly at 1-800-227-3410 or go to <http://www.decalscholars.com>

Technical College System of Georgia Programs

Albany Technical College www.albanytech.edu (229) 430-3500
Athens Technical College www.athenstech.edu (706) 355-5000
Atlanta Technical College www.atlantatech.edu (404) 225-4400
Augusta Technical College www.augustatech.edu (706) 771-4000
Central Georgia Technical College www.centralgatech.edu (478) 757-3400
Chattahoochee Technical College www.chattahoocheetech.edu (770) 528-4545
Coastal Pines Technical College www.coastalpines.edu (912) 287-6584
Columbus Technical College www.columbustech.edu (706) 649-1800
Georgia Northwestern Technical College www.gntc.edu (706) 295-6963
Georgia Piedmont Technical College www.gptc.edu (404) 297-9522
Gwinnett Technical College www.gwinnetttech.edu (770) 962-7580

Lanier Technical College www.laniertech.edu (770) 531-6300
North Georgia Technical College www.northgatech.edu (706) 754-7700
Oconee Fall Line Technical College www.oftc.edu (478) 275-6589
Ogeechee Technical College www.ogeecheetech.edu (912) 688-6003
Savannah Technical College www.savannahtech.edu (912) 443-5700
South Georgia Technical College www.southgatech.edu (229) 931-2394
Southeastern Technical College www.southeasterntech.edu (912) 538-3100
Southern Crescent Technical College www.sctech.edu (770) 228-7348
Southern Regional Technical College www.southernregional.edu (229) 225-4096
West Georgia Technical College www.westgatech.edu (770) 537-6000
Wiregrass Technical College www.wiregrass.edu (229) 333-2100

Georgia Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) Accredited Programs

PROGRAM NAME	AFFILIATE	CONTACT INFORMATION	ADDRESS
<u>Institute for Guided Studies</u> Additional Location: Montessori School of Covington	MEPI	Program Director: Mary Helen Cline igscamden@bellsouth.net (803)-425-6083	4108 Summers Street Covington, Georgia 30014
<u>Institute for Guided Studies</u> Additional Location: St. Andrews Montessori School	MEPI	Site Contact: Karen Mangham karen.mangham@standrewsmaconmontessori.org (803) 425-6083	501 Bass Rd. Macon, Georgia 31210
<u>Institute for Guided Studies</u> Branch Location: Athens Montessori School	MEPI	Program Director: Mary Helen Cline igscamden@bellsouth.net (803)-425-6083	3145 Barnett Shoals Road Athens, Georgia 30605
<u>Kennesaw State University Montessori Teacher Education Program</u>	PAMS	Program Director: Dr. Feland Meadows fmeadows@kennesaw.edu (470) 578-2161	1000 Chastain Rd. Box 9104 Kennesaw, Georgia 30144- 5591
<u>Montessori Teacher Education Institute of Atlanta</u>	AMS	Program Director: Ashley Darcy adarcy@montessoriteachered.com (404) 869-6526	480 Pharr Rd Atlanta, Georgia 30305 Mailing: 443 East Paces Ferry Road Atlanta, Georgia 30305