



## Georgia's Pre-K Program Assistant Teacher Credential/Certification Requirements

An assistant teacher must have a qualifying credential/certificate. Pre-K providers should review the qualifications and conditions carefully to ensure that the assistant teacher qualifies to teach in Georgia's Pre-K. All degrees and credentials are verified in the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS) by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

Any ONE of the following credentials/degrees listed below will meet the credential requirement for Pre-K assistant teachers:

Valid Paraprofessional Certificate (issued by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission)
Valid Child Development Associate (CDA) credential (issued by the Council for Professional Recognition)
TCC (Technical Certificate of Credit) in Early Childhood Education
TCD (Technical College Diploma) in Early Childhood Education
AA, AS, AAS, AAT (associate degree)
Montessori Diploma (Montessori courses must be taken from an accredited affiliate of the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education [MACTE])
BA, BS (bachelor's degree)
Georgia PSC Certified Teacher
MA, MS (master's degree)
Specialist Degree or PhD

A CDA credential is valid for three years from the award date, after which it may be renewed in three-year increments. Information regarding the CDA credential is available through the Council for Professional Recognition at [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org)

For information regarding the Technical Certificate of Credit, please refer to the Technical College System of Georgia website at [www.tcsge.edu](http://www.tcsge.edu) for enrollment information.

For information about scholarships or educational counseling, visit <http://www.decalscholars.com>.