

# Approved Assistant Teacher Credentials

Pre-K providers are responsible for staffing the Pre-K classroom with a qualified Pre-K Assistant Teacher. Pre-K providers should review the qualifications carefully to ensure that the assistant teacher meets the qualifications 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).

## What Credentials Are Approved For Assistant Teachers?

**Approved Credentials for Assistant Teachers include:**

**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)	MA, MS (master's degree)
BA, BS (bachelor's degree)	Georgia PSC Certified Teacher
Specialist Degree or PhD	
Montessori Diploma (Montessori courses must be taken from an accredited affiliate of the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education [MACTE])	

Teachers must enroll in the Georgia Professional Development System ([GaPDS](#)) and submit any required supporting documents to verify credentials/diplomas. Pre-K Providers should request for the teacher to provide a copy of their GaPDS profile.

A teacher who meets the Credential requirements for a Pre-K Assistant Teacher will have a **Career Level 4 (or higher)** noted:

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**John Doe**

**Professional Development System Profile**

**PDS# 99999**

Status: Active

Username: John Doe

County:

Career Level: 4

Email: johndoe@gmail.com

## Additional Resources Available:

For more information regarding Assistant Teacher Credentials, additional resources are available at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/Prek/ProjectDirectors.aspx>.

Questions?

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