

## **2024 – 2025 Assistant Teacher Credentials and Salary**

A Georgia's Pre-K Program assistant teacher must have one of the following credentials/degrees listed below. 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 credential levels for an assistant teacher position will be paid at the minimum rate of \$25,741.35. Providers are required to pay 100% of the total salary funded by DECAL. Actual compensation may vary based on the number of days and hours worked.

- 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.tcsg.edu](http://www.tcsg.edu) for enrollment information.

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