



INDIANA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CREDENTIAL CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

	Standard Process	Alternate Process	Demonstrated by:
Education	High School diploma or GED	Associate, Bachelor or Master Degree in Youth Development Field	Copy of diploma or transcript
Knowledge/ Skills	<p>Successful completion of college courses that fulfill the requirements for the Credential: 9 credits/135 hours (three 3-credit courses)* Candidate must demonstrate competency in the following five areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child/Adolescent Growth and Development, Guidance; 2. Diverse Families and Communities; 3. Program Environments: Safe, Healthy and Learning 4. Program Planning and Management- Curriculum for Social, Personal, Physical, Cognitive, Creative and Language Development 5. Professional Development-Personal Assets (Including basic skills, understanding of self, thinking skills, caring for children/youth) and Professionalism <p>+ 3 credits/45 hours of an acceptable non-credit or for-credit training and/or significant experience. For Total of 12 credits/180 hours</p>	<p>Successful attainment of Associate, Bachelor, or Master Degree with at least 12 Credits in Youth Development or a related field. Courses must relate to the Core Competencies. OR Degree + 180 hours of non-credit training and/or experience in Youth Development within the past 3 years that relate to the Core Competencies. OR Degree + 20 Continuing Education Hours (CEH or CEU) earned during the past 3 years that relate to the Core Competencies.</p>	<p>Official Transcripts are required to support credits.</p> <p>If using transcripts to support course credit requirement the course name and number must be listed on the <i>Self-Assessment Form</i> as it appears on transcripts.</p> <p>CEU's or other non-credit courses, must be supported by certificates, letter of verification or other documentation.</p> <p>Experience must be supported by Certificate or letter of employment.</p>
Experience	480 hours in an organized program environment that serves children or youth aged 5 to 18 within the last 5 years. Must be working in a children's or youth program during the assessment period.	Must have 480 hours as an employee, volunteer or intern in an organized program environment that serves children or youth aged 5 to 18 within the past 5 years.	Letter of verification from employer.
Professional	Membership in Indiana YouthPRO Association (IYPA)		Membership card/letter
Renewal	Initial renewal occurs after 3 years of obtaining the IYD, and every 5 years thereafter. And Demonstrate fulfillment of training recommendations from <i>Candidate's Profile</i> or 3-credit hours.		Certificates of completion or transcript and Portfolio review

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All Forms and Documents can be found online at www.indianayouthpro.org

* You may need to complete an academic skills assessment. IVYTech uses ASSET (paper/ pencil) or COMPASS (computer-based) to assess your skills. Your ACT or SAT scores or previous college work may also serve this purpose.