

# Infant/Toddler Credential, Professional Series

The NJ Infant/Toddler Professional series (credential) is intended for use by professionals and paraprofessionals working in the field of infant/toddler care in all settings, including center-based care, family childcare programs and community-based programs that support infants, toddlers, and their families. The credentialing process will include 15 college credits, and a portfolio that is assessed by the NJ Coalition of Infant/Toddler Educators (CITE).

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## Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Recognize the critical importance of child development, including all developmental domains, from conception to age three years;
- Identify appropriate policies and practices which protect the health and safety of infants and toddlers in group child care settings;
- Explain the connection between social/emotional and mental health of infants and toddlers to overall child development and the development of relationships with others;
- Identify quality indicators (environment, curriculum, guidance strategies, etc.) in early childhood settings for infants and toddlers;
- Explain the importance of building strong relationships between teachers and families of infants and toddlers;
- Recognize the importance of the family on the child and their development.

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Course #	Title	Credits
CDCC/EDUC103	Roles of the Early Childhood Professional	2
CDCC104	Infant and Toddler Development: Theory and Applications	3
CDCC105	Early Childhood Health, Safety, Nutrition and Special Needs	4
CDCC106	Early Childhood Social/Emotional Development	3
CDCC250	Infant/Toddler Practicum	3
	Total Credits	15