## RASMUSSEN COLLEGE AND WASHINGTON, DC
### EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS MATRIX

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| **Center Director**                        | Bachelor’s degree (BA) in early childhood education (including early childhood development, early childhood education, elementary education, or early special education) or a bachelor’s degree in any subject area with at least 15 semester credit hours in early childhood education | One of the following:  
  1. ECE Leadership BS completer = 90 credits (24 Gen Eds./ 66 ECE specific credits)  
  2. ECE Leadership BS completer with Child Development Specialization = 90 credits (24 Gen Eds./ 66 ECE specific credits) |
| **Teacher**                                | Associate degree (AA) in early childhood education (or early childhood development, child and family studies, or a closely related field) or an associate degree (or higher) in any subject area with at least 24 semester credit hours in early childhood. | One of the following:  
  1. ECE AAS w/Child Development Specialization = 90 credits (34 Gen Eds./56 ECE specific credits)  
  2. ECE AAS w/Special Needs Specialization = 90 credits (34 Gen Eds./56 ECE specific credits) |
| **Assistant Teacher**                      | Child Development Associate (CDA) | One of the following:  
  1. CDA Prep Courses AND CDA Credential** OR  
  2. ECE Certificate = 36 credits AND CDA Credential  
  3. ECE Diploma = 70 credits (16 Gen Eds./54 ECE specific credits) AND CDA Credential |
| **Expanded Home Caregiver**                | Associate degree in early childhood education (or early childhood development, child and family studies or a closely related field) or an associate degree (or higher) in any subject area with at least 24 semester credit hours in early childhood. | One of the following:  
  1. ECE AAS w/Child Development Specialization = 90 credits (34 Gen Eds./56 ECE specific credits)  
  2. ECE AAS w/Special Needs Specialization = 90 credits (34 Gen Eds./56 ECE specific credits) |
| **Home Caregiver and Associate Home Caregiver** | Child Development Associate (CDA) | One of the following:  
  1. CDA Prep Courses AND CDA Credential** OR  
  2. ECE Certificate = 36 credits AND CDA Credential  
  3. ECE Diploma = 70 credits (16 Gen Eds./54 ECE specific credits) AND CDA Credential |

** The CDA Credential is awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition and requires additional time post CDA Prep Program completion to complete the CDA Credential Application steps and be awarded the CDA Credential. The awarding of the CDA Credential is by the Council for Professional Recognition and is not guaranteed. Rasmussen is a proud partner of the CDA and the Council for Professional Recognition and is honored to be among a select group of early childhood education training organizations to be awarded the CDA® Gold Standard Training Certification. The certification helps ECE students find the high-quality training and support services they need to prepare for the CDA Credential. 

**NOTE**: The CDA Credential may be eligible for a 12 credit waiver for students enrolling into the Certificate, Diploma or Associate degree in Early Childhood Education programs. A current (not expired) Certificate issued by the Council for Professional Recognition must be presented at enrollment.