

ECE Profession Bill: For FCCH Owners

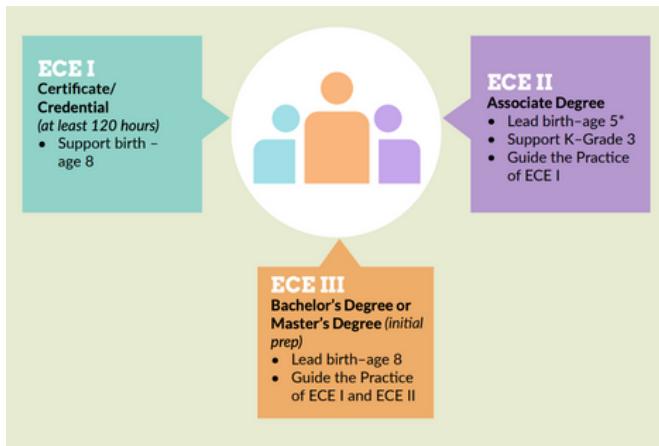
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The Early Childhood Educator Profession Bill ensures FCCH owners are recognized for their skills, work, and time.

It also helps the public understand that children can access quality in all child care settings, increasing respect for family child care home owners and programs.



Professional licenses ECE I, II, III, with qualification requirements and scope of responsibility. From the Unifying Framework for the ECE Profession.

After the bill passes and an 8 year transition period, FCCH owners would need an ECE II license, which requires an associate degree.

Some current FCCH owners raised concerns that the associate degree requirement will harm FCC early childhood educators, even with the transition period. They advocated for a “legacy” license option.

Early childhood educator advocacy

works: the ECE Profession Bill includes a legacy license type called the Family Child Care Provider License.

This license is only for current FCCH owners in good standing with the Child Development Division. It would not require an associate degree. Interested FCCH owners would have to apply by January 1, 2029.

To advocate for the issues that matter most to you, visit vtaeyc.org/advocacy and fill out VTAEYC's

Leadership & Advocacy Form

Access the form here:



To learn about the workforce-led effort that led to the ECE Profession Bill, and why VTAEYC supports the bill, visit vtaeyc.org/profession.

Access the page here:



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