## Comparison between CDA’s and Credentials

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<td>*Prerequisites for the Administrator Credential coursework are set by the individual institutions of higher education offering the courses. In addition to the Administrator Credential 18-credit hour program, candidates applying for this credential must also possess: A minimum of an associate degree, preferably in Early Childhood Education, or a related degree, OR 60 credit hours of college coursework with a minimum of 18-credit hours in early childhood education or related coursework. Experience: 1 year administrative experience. <em>Applicant is eligible for candidacy with the minimum of 60 college credits or Associates degree, but must complete the required coursework within the 3 year candidacy period.</em></td>
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