

## Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program (EI/ILP) Professionals:

EI/ILP provides early intervention services to children ages birth to 3 who qualify for special education services under Part C of IDEA

LEVEL	ILP Career Ladder to be Highly Qualified
7	<p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL ASSOCIATE I*</b></p> <p>Current CDA, current PAT credential, or 12 EC credits <b>AND</b> completion of applicable sections of the Part C Credential</p>
8	<p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL ASSOCIATE II*</b></p> <p>Associate's Degree in related field without licensure <b>AND</b> completion of applicable sections of the Part C Credential</p>
9	<p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST I*</b></p> <p>Bachelor's Degree in related field without current certification or licensure <b>OR</b> Associate's Degree in a related field with current licensure <b>AND</b> completion of the Part C Credential</p>
10	<p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST II*</b></p> <p>Bachelor's Degree in related field with current certification or licensure <b>OR</b> Master's Degree in a related field without certification or licensure <b>AND</b> completion of the Part C Credential</p>
11	<p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST III*</b></p> <p>Master's Degree in related field with current certification or licensure <b>AND</b> completion of the Part C Credential</p>
12	<p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST IV*</b></p> <p>Doctorate in related field with current certification or licensure (as required) <b>AND</b> completion of the Part C Credential</p>

\* ILP STAFF ARE IN PROVISIONAL STATUS PENDING COMPLETION OF THE PART C CREDENTIAL.

\*\* FOR EI/ILP RELATED FIELDS PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE

## INTERPRETATION OF LEVELS

The information below provides further definitions for each of the EI/ILP SEED levels. Specific questions not addressed in this information can be directed to SEED Registry staff.

### LEVEL 7

- Current CDA, current PAT credential, or 12 EC credits **and** completion of applicable sections of Part C Credential

### LEVEL 8

- Associate's Degree in related field (refer to Glossary of Terms) without licensure **and** completion of applicable sections of Part C Credential

### LEVEL 9

- Bachelor's Degree in related field (refer to Glossary of Terms) without certification or licensure, **and** completion of Part C Credential, **or**
- Associate's Degree in related field with licensure **and** completion of the Part C Credential

### LEVEL 10

- Bachelor's Degree in related field (refer to Glossary of Terms) with current certification or licensure **and** completion of Part C Credential, **or**
- Master's Degree in related field, without certification and licensure, **and** completion of the Part C Credential

### LEVEL 11

- Master's Degree in related field (refer to Glossary of Terms) with current certification or licensure **and** completion of Part C Credential

### LEVEL 12

- Doctorate in related field (refer to Glossary of Terms) with current certification and licensure (as required) **and** completion of the Part C Credential

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

### CDA (Child Development Associate)

**Credential** – To learn more about the CDA, visit [www.CDACouncil.org](http://www.CDACouncil.org)

### PAT (Parents As Teachers) Credential

**Infant Learning Program (ILP)** – The Alaska ILP program, also known as the Early Intervention (EI) or Part C program, is a federally funded special education program that provides supports to infants, toddlers and their families (birth to age 3). Part C is a subsection of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) which governs special education, specifically children birth to age 3. There are EI/ILP/Part C programs throughout Alaska.

### EI/ILP Related Fields – Associate Degree

**Related Fields for Level 8:** Early Childhood Care and Education, Early Childhood Development, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education

### Associate Related Fields that require

**licensure for Level 9:** Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physical Therapy Assistant

### Developmental Specialist Related Fields for

**Levels 9, 10, 11 & 12:** audiology, early childhood special education; infant mental health; family therapy and counseling; nursing (including LPN, RN, midwife, health aide); orientation and mobility training; pediatric or other medical specialty; physical therapy; occupational therapy; psychology; social work; special education (including teachers of children with hearing impairments, vision impairments or language disorders); speech and language pathology; language disorders; vision training; dietitian; other related fields as determined by the State ILP office including nutrition, family studies, early childhood development and education

**Part C Credential** – In-service training credential required of all Alaska EI/ILP service providers who work 20 hours or more per week in an Infant Learning Program. All EI/ILP Service providers who meet that criteria must successfully complete the Part C Credential process through the Part C state office and provide their certificate of completion to SEED within 6 months of their start date to move from provisional to professional status on the SEED Registry.

**Certification/Licensure** – Teachers are issued teaching certificates by the State's Department of Education. Other professionals, such as Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, etc. are issued licenses to practice their discipline by the State licensing board particular to their profession. It is the responsibility of the EI/ILP service provider to maintain an active teaching certificate or professional license and keep it updated with the SEED Registry.