



Workforce Pathways LA Stipend Program

**Selecting Your Pathway Type:
Earn The Most By Selecting The Proper Pathway**



What Is a Professional Growth Plan?

- ❖ A personalized roadmap for career growth
- ❖ Helps guide decisions about education and training
- ❖ Required for WPLA 2026–27 participants

Choose One of Four Pathway Types

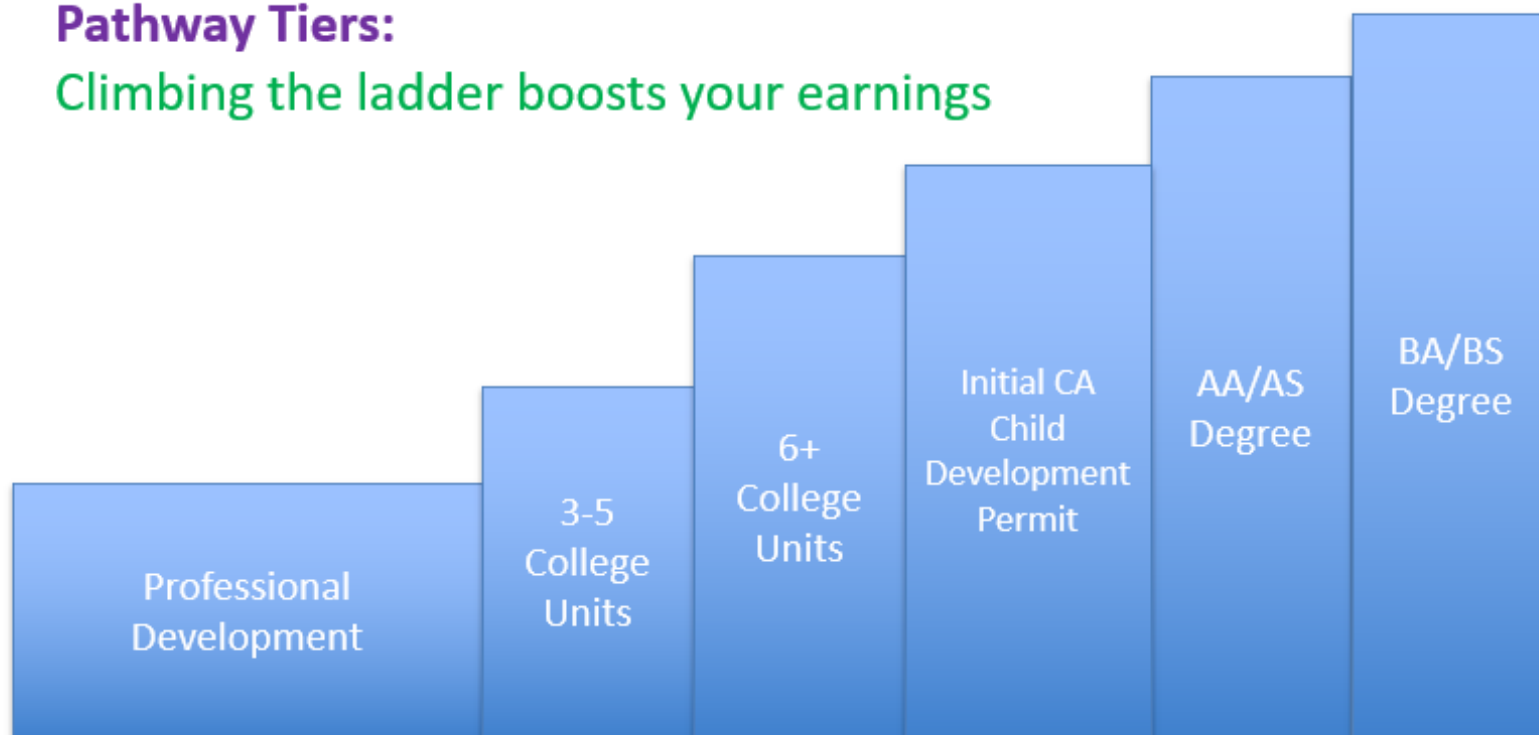
- 21 Hours of Professional Development Training
- College Coursework
 - Tier I: 6 or more college units
 - Tier II: 3-5 college units
- Initial CA Child Development Permit
- Degree Completion
 - Tier I: Bachelor's
 - Tier II: Associate's

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Stipend Program Financial Incentive

Pathway Tiers:

Climbing the ladder boosts your earnings



21 Hours of Professional Development

- Only for educators without a Bachelor's degree
- Must complete 21 hours of approved PD (Feb 2026–Jan 2027)
- Accepted PD training organizations
 - <https://childcare.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026-27-WPLA-approved-PD-Training-Organizations.pdf>
 - Cannot include CPR, First Aid, Mandated Reporter, or other work-required trainings
- Upload certificates by Feb 4, 2027

College Coursework

- Classes must be graded between February 2026 and January 2027
- Tier I: 6+ semester units
- Tier II: 3–5 semester units
- Must pass with “C” or better
- Upload transcripts by Feb 4, 2027
- Courses must be in an approved Early Education or Child Development field

Accepted Coursework Areas

What is eligible

- ESL classes
- Child Development Permit classes
- Associate's Degree General Ed
- Transfer prep courses
- Bachelor's Degree General Ed
- Post Bachelor's must be ECE-focused courses
- Elementary teacher credential courses are not eligible

All coursework must be unit-bearing and fulfill the requirements for a degree in one of the following majors.

- Child Development
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Human Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Child and Family Studies
- Early Childhood Studies
- Family Science
- Human Development and Family Science
- Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies

Initial Child Development Permit

- Only for first-time permit holders (not for renewals or upgrades)
- Must be issued between Feb 1, 2026 and Jan 31, 2027
- Upload copy of permit by Feb 4, 2027
- The CTC website <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/> and your local community college can help

Degree Completion

- Must earn an Associate's or Bachelor's degree between February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027
- Upload a transcript showing degree conferral
- Must be in an accepted field

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Choose your Path

Pathway	Key Requirement	Notes
PD Hours	21 Hrs of approved training	Cannot hold a Bachelors
College Course	3-6+ units	Grade C or better
Permit	Initial Permit issued	First Permit only
Degree	Associate's or Bachelor's	No Master's Degrees

Qualifying Period for all Pathways is February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2027

How to Report and Upload

- CA Workforce Registry → My Documents
- Pathway required documents must be uploaded by **February 4, 2027**
- Certificates, transcripts, or permits must be clear, accurate, and complete

Don't forget this final step! No upload = no stipend.

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