

VPK Teacher Requirements 2025 - 2026

Lead Teacher:

- CDA/Staff Credential/FCCPC/Degree: [SchlYearVPKInstructCredOpts.pdf](#)
- Summer VPK has different requirements: [SummerVPKInstructCredQual.pdf](#)
- 45 hours DCF training: [Child Care Facility Training Requirements | Florida DCF](#)
- Background screening: [Background Screening | Florida DCF](#)
- Attestation of Good Moral Character: [Affidavit of Good Moral Character - DCF.pdf](#)
- Implementing the Florida Standards in Preschool Classrooms: 3 Years Old to Kindergarten (online VFSP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs or (SPC3TK) instructor-led 3 hours; 0.3 CEUs
- **Three** 5-hour Emergent Literacy Trainings (within 45 days as the lead instructor):
 1. Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors (online VPK21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 2. Language and Vocabulary in the VPK Classroom (online LVPK21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 3. Phonological Awareness Development for Preschoolers (online VIPA21; in-person and virtual instructor-led PAP21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
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 5. Dialogic Reading: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers (in-person and virtual instructor-led DRP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 6. Book Embedded Vocabulary Instruction: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers (in-person and virtual instructor-led BEP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 7. Scaffolding and Think, Show, Tell, Talk: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers (in-person and virtual instructor-led STSTTP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
 8. NEW Course! Building a Strong Foundation for Emergent Literacy (virtual instructor led BSFEL) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs

OR

Successful completion of one of the following courses can fulfill the emergent literacy course requirements:

1. Preschool Language Development (online) 20 hours; 2.0 CEUs - Flamingo Early Learning
2. The Building Blocks of Preschool Literacy (online) 20 hours; 2.0 CEUs - Flamingo Early Learning
3. Completion of Competency 1 of the Florida Reading Endorsement

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Aide:

- 45 Hour DCF Childcare Training: [Florida Early Childhood Professional Development Registry](#)
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Substitute Teacher:

- 45 Hour DCF Childcare Training: [Florida Early Childhood Professional Development Registry](#)
- Background screening: [Background Screening | Florida DCF](#)
- Attestation of Good Moral Character [Affidavit of Good Moral Character - DCF.pdf](#)

Substitutes cannot sub more than 30% of the VPK program and must complete and upload substitute tracking every month, regardless of substitute being used

