

# Career Diplomas Approved by Louisiana Pathways

**Current Diplomas:** The following diplomas are current early childhood career diploma approved by Louisiana Pathways:

- **Penn Foster Child Care Professional Diploma** (formerly Child Day Care Diploma or Child Day Care Management Diploma)\*
- **Ashworth Child Care Provider Diploma** (formerly Professional Child Care Career Skills, & Child Care Career Skills) \*
- **Unitech Training Academy** Daycare Management
- **Ashworth College Associate of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education**—This degree can be counted as a Career Diploma, since Ashworth is not regionally accredited. Coursework exceeds the requirements for Ashworth’s Career diploma. \*
- **Ashworth College Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education**-- This degree can be counted as a Career Diploma, since Ashworth is not regionally accredited. Coursework exceeds the requirements for Ashworth’s Career diploma. \*
- **Ashworth College Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education**—This degree can be counted as a Career Diploma, since Ashworth is not regionally accredited. Coursework exceeds the requirements for Ashworth’s Career diploma. \*
- **Penn Foster Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education**-- This degree can be counted as a Career Diploma, since Penn Foster is not regionally accredited. Coursework exceeds the requirements for Penn Foster’s Career diploma. \*
- **Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate**—This certificate is awarded by the Louisiana Department of Education and can be used to qualify for the Classroom and Administrator Career Development Ladders

**Grandfathered Career Diplomas:** The following programs/diplomas are no longer in existence, but previously earned diplomas can be accepted:

- **Thomson Education Direct Child Day Care Management Diploma**--Program taken over by Penn Foster
- **Harcourt Child Day Care Management Diploma**--Program taken over by Penn Foster
- **International Correspondence School Child Day Care Diploma**--Program taken over by Penn Foster
- **Professional Child Day Care Institute (PCDI) Professional Child Day Care Diploma** -- program taken over by Penn Foster
- **At-Home Professions** Childcare Studies

\* Only these **diplomas** are accepted—**not certificates**. Both Penn Foster and Ashworth College have other diploma programs which are not accepted as approved diplomas. Both also have CDA training certificate programs which give the 120 clock hours needed to earn the CDA. Pathways accepts these certificates as clock hours, but not as approved diplomas nor as the CDA credential.