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North Carolina Family Development Credential

Sponsored by: Community Action Opportunities (CAO)

Credential Issued by: Duke University Office of Continuing Education

What Is the Family Development Credential?

The NC Family Development Credential is a comprehensive training program that empowers front line workers with the skills and knowledge to help families become more self-reliant in their communities. The training is appropriate for professionals and paraprofessionals in social service organizations, business, or education. Family Leaders are also encouraged to participate. The training offers 90 hours of interactive classroom time with a field practice component. Included in the syllabus, developed by Cornell University, are modules on communication skills, worker self-empowerment, diversity, strengths-based assessments, home visits, facilitation skills, and community collaboration. Participants will learn how to use a family's assets and strengths to guide them in setting their own goals and increasing their well-being and healthy interdependence.

How Can You Earn this Credential?

This nationally recognized Family Development Credential can be earned by completing the following:

Training – Participate in 90 hours of interactive classroom training based on *Empowerment Skills for Family Workers*; the curriculum developed by Cornell University. Instructors are community-based with experience in the field of family support.

Portfolio Development – Create a portfolio of written work documenting new knowledge, skills and understanding, with support and feedback from a Portfolio Coach.

Qualify for the Credential – Pass the end of course examination and submit completed portfolio to CAO for review and approval. Duke University's Office of Continuing Education issues the credential.

Where and When are Courses Offered?

The Family Development Class for Workers is offered in all regions of North Carolina.

Typically classes meet two consecutive days per month, for seven months, although different class formats are available.

Locations will be confirmed in response to community and organizational interest.

What is the Cost of the Credential?

A one-time fee of \$1450 covers 90 hours of classroom training, portfolio development, portfolio review, exam, and the cost of the credential.

Limited partial scholarships are available, esp. for family/parent leaders.

Grant sponsorship is welcomed; information on resources available at Community Action Opportunities.

For More Information, Application, and Training schedules contact:

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