

# Overview of VSACN & Other Community Based Training & Requirements for the Vermont Afterschool Professional Credential (VAPC)

## Training Opportunities for Afterschool Professionals

The trainings listed in this document will be made available through the Vermont School Age Care Network (VSACN), local resource and referral agencies or other organizations around the state. To find out more about training calendars and courses, contact your local Resource and Referral Specialist.

To be eligible for the Vermont Afterschool Professional Credential, applicants must *complete and provide documentation* for 46 hours of training and coursework, with the following hours being required in each of the five core competency areas:

### Core Competency Area

Required Credential Training Hours	
Core Competency Area	Hours
Curriculum Development & Learning Environment	16 hours
Families & Communities	6 hours
Health & Safety	6 hours
Professionalism & Program Development	6 hours
Electives (also includes work pertaining to the Child & Youth Development Core Competency)	12 hours
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46 hours</b>

The following trainings (per core competency area) are currently offered through VSACN. Training classes or series may only be counted once in meeting these requirements. **Note: unless specified, each title is worth 2 training hours.**

### Curriculum Development & Learning Environment

- Curriculum Development (for afterschool)
- Best Practices in Programs
- Child Centered Programming
- Cooking with Books
- Working with Multi-age Groups

- Gender Equity
  - How to Weave Reading into School Age Activities
  - Creating a “Tool Kit” of Ideas for School Age
  - Curtains Up! Bringing Dramatic Play Into Your Programs
  - Outdoor Science Programs
  - Cooperative Games
- (Total hours possible: 22)

### Families & Communities

- Best Practices
  - Building Relationships with Families
  - Fundamentals of Child Care for the New Professional (6 hours)
- (Total hours possible: 10)

### Health & Safety

- Best Practices in Programs
  - Staying Safe while Having Fun in School
  - Current First Aid and CPR card (2 hours or more)
  - Orientation to Child Care Licensing Regulations Training
  - Basic Specialized Care Services (6 hours)
- (Total hours possible: 14)

### Professionalism and Program Development

- Supervision...From Hiring to Firing (4 hours)
  - Child Centered Programming
  - Best Practices in Programming
  - Aligning Workplans to the New Afterschool Competencies
  - Introduction to Grant Writing
  - Fundamentals of Child Care for the New Professional (6 hours)
- (Total hours possible: 18)



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