

STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
Health AND **Human**
SERVICES

**Iowa Training Project for Child Care
Nurse Consultants (ITPCCNC)
FY24**

**The ITPCCNC Course is completed through online,
preceptor and distance learning.**

Instructor: Deb Gimer, RN BSN

Healthy Child Care Iowa Professional Development Coordinator

Target Audience:

Iowa registered nurses working with early childhood and education (ECE) providers through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Title V Child and Adolescent Health (CAH) program.



Background of Child Care Nurse Consultants and Statement of Purpose:

Child care nurse consultants (CCNC) are RNs who provide on-site consultation, training, and technical assistance to ECE providers. The ITPCCNC is the required initial training program for CCNCs and the purpose of the course is to expand the RN's knowledge and skills to work with ECE providers.

Educational Objectives:

Each course module contains learning objectives specific to the module topic. Overall course objectives are:

- Identify the components for best practices in health and safety in ECE programs
- Assess the quality of health and safety policy and practices in ECE programs
- Consult with ECE providers to improve health and safety in their businesses
- Identify community partners and resources to assist in improving the quality in ECE environments
- Identify the role of public health principles and practices in child care

Training Topics:

- The Role of the CCNC
- Building Consultation Skills
- Training Skills
- Documentation, Data, Reporting
- Illness and Infectious Disease
- Injury Prevention
- Caring for Children with Special Needs
- Social Emotional Health and Typical Child Development
- Environmental Health
- Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Oral Health
- Quality-IQ4K

Note to participants and their employers:

1. Electronic Communication:

The course relies on electronic communication using email and retrieval of documents from the internet. The employer shall ensure the participant has internet access, an individual laptop/computer, a business-related email address where the instructor may send correspondence and the computer skills necessary to complete the course.

2. Course Reading and Written Assignment Expectations:

Participants will study various topics online with written assignments for each unit. Required activities include on-site ECE visits, meeting with other consultants who are part of the ECE team, and working with a preceptor. Participants are expected to fully participate in and

complete all assignments thoroughly to successfully complete the course. A minimum of 20 hours of work time per week is expected to complete the 12 units of distance learning. ITPCCNC must be completed within 3 months from the time of enrollment.

3. Nursing Contact Hours:

The Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants is approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing provider #94. **124 contact hours** will be awarded to individuals successfully completing the course, partial credit will not be awarded.

4. Application Process:

- Interested applicants must **complete an online application and email a current resume** to the course coordinator Heidi Hotvedt, RN BSN HCCI Program Coordinator heidi.hotvedt@idph.iowa.gov for questions call 515-321-8137.
- Complete the online application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITPCCNCApplicationFY24>
- Applicants are notified by email regarding acceptance.
- Approved applicants receive the **Enrollment Agreement** to complete and return to Healthy Child Care Iowa.

5. Registration Fee:

The registration fee is \$200 to cover course logistics (online course maintenance fees, software, staff time, etc.). Fee is due prior to beginning the third unit of the course. Mail payment along with **Enrollment Agreement** to Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: Jennifer Deeds, Healthy Child Care Iowa, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319

6. Refund Policy:

No refund of the registration fee will be given after the course has begun.

7. Cancellation Policy:

Participants will be informed if the course is cancelled for any reason.

8. Sponsor:

Healthy Child Care Iowa through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.