The NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential requires competency in the following core areas:

- Why we all need parenting education
- Child and life span development
- Health and safety
- Strengths-based communication
- Family systems and relationship building
- Adult learning and learning styles
- Community systems and resources
- Social and emotional wellness
- Nurturing discipline
- Educational and child care relationships
- Working with diversity
- Professional ethics

Additional competencies are required for credential levels beyond Tier I. For more information see: http://nyspep.org/professionals/credentialing

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New York State Parenting Education Partnership is a membership driven organization doing work on a variety of essential issues relevant to families and their needs. To learn more and to become a member see: http://www.nyspep.org

The mission of NYSPEP is to enhance parenting skills, knowledge and behavior through a strong statewide network that promotes and improves parenting education.

The NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential defines consistent criteria needed by all parenting educators to provide quality parenting education programs.
New York State Parenting Education Partnership establishes professional standards for the field, through the Parenting Educator Credential core competencies that define knowledge and skills needed to provide high-quality programs.

The NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential recognizes that, as a professional in the field, an individual has obtained experience and competency in core areas of knowledge and skills for parenting educators. Evaluation of each application is based on a review by a panel of experienced peers of an individual's documented education, experience, and demonstrated competence. For each of the credential tiers, substantiation of increasing levels of knowledge and competency are required.

All those who support families and facilitate the growth and development of parents through support and education, regardless of work setting or job title.

NYSPEP credentials parenting educators at three levels. A fourth level has been drafted, but has not yet been implemented. Parenting Educators must be credentialed at Tier II before applying for Tier III. The three tiers are designated as:

- Tier I - CPRA – Credentialed Parenting Resource Associate
- Tier II - CPE – Credentialed Parenting Educator
- Tier III - CSPE – Credentialed Senior Parenting Educator

The requirements below for each tier are guidelines. A surplus of qualification in one category — education, training or experience — may balance out a deficiency in another, at the discretion of the review panel.

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<td><strong>Tier I:</strong> CPRA</td>
<td>Minimum of High School</td>
<td>36 hours</td>
<td>20 hours</td>
<td>Direct contact with parents in support of parenting education programs; examples include receptionists, child care providers for parenting classes, maintainence staff in Family Resource Centers, etc.</td>
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<td>Credentialed Parenting Resource Associate</td>
<td>diploma or equivalent</td>
<td>workshop attendance</td>
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<td><strong>Tier II:</strong> CPE</td>
<td>Minimum of two year related degree</td>
<td>60 hours workshop attendance</td>
<td>3 years of paid or volunteer experience</td>
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<td>Minimum of 4 year related degree</td>
<td>120 hours workshop attendance</td>
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<td>Delivering parenting education curricula plus some or all of: work with indicated population, supervision, program planning and evaluation</td>
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Application Fees and timeline
Applications are due annually on July 31. Non-refundable application fees due at the time of application are:
- Tier I - $150
- Tier II - $300
- Tier III - $425

Credentials are valid for four years. Credentials may be renewed with documentation of continuing professional development and a fee of $150.