

# Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants Training FY21



**The ITPCCNC Course is completed through distance learning.**

**Instructor:** Heidi Hotvedt, RN, BSN

## **Target Audience:**

Iowa registered nurses (RN) working with early childhood care and education providers through the Title V Maternal Health and Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH) Agencies; public health and local Early Childhood Iowa Areas in cooperation with the MCAH Agencies.

## **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 early childhood care and education 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 early childhood care and education providers.

## **Educational Objectives:**

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

Registered Nurses will be able to:

- Identify the components for best practices in health and safety in Early Care and Education (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

## **Course Coordinator Contact Information:**

Please contact the course coordinator, Heidi Hotvedt, RN, BSN, with your questions. Iowa Department of Public Health, 321 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

Email: [heidi.hotvedt@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:heidi.hotvedt@idph.iowa.gov)

## Training Topics:

The Role of the Child Care Nurse Consultant  
Public Health in Child Care  
Building Consultation Skills  
Infectious Disease in Child Care  
Care for Children who are Mildly Ill and Temporarily Disabled  
Environmental Health in ECE programs  
Injury Prevention  
Building Curriculum Development & Training Skills  
Nutrition and Physical Activity in ECE programs  
Caring for Children with Special Needs  
Social Emotional Health and Typical Child Development  
Oral Health in ECE programs  
Quality Child Care



## 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 each participant has an individual computer with business-related email address where the course coordinator may send correspondence and the computer skills necessary to complete the course. Participants will need to be able to access the internet to successfully participate in and 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 child care visits, meeting with other consultants who are part of the child care 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 4-20 hours of work time per unit** is expected to complete the 12 units of distance learning. ITPCCNC must be completed within 3 months from the time of enrollment.

## 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.

## Application Process:

Interested applicants must **complete an online application and email a current resume** to [heidi.hotvedt@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:heidi.hotvedt@idph.iowa.gov). Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITPCCNCApplicationFY21> to fill out the online application. Applicants are notified by email regarding acceptance. Approved applicants receive an **enrollment agreement** to complete and return to Healthy Child Care Iowa. The applicant, the applicants' employer and Title V MCAH agency must initial and sign the enrollment agreement and return to [heidi.hotvedt@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:heidi.hotvedt@idph.iowa.gov).

## 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 Public Health, Attention: Jenny Deeds, Healthy Child Care Iowa, 321 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0075

## Refund Policy:

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

## Cancellation Policy:

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

## Sponsors:

Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) through the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Human Services.