

Approved Trainer Types

There are four trainer designations in Aspire, 3 of which are Approved for delivering content based on their background. The approved trainer types are:

- Verified
- Content Specialist
- Credentialed (Level 1, 2, and 3)

Aspire Registered Trainer- Have a complete trainer profile with a minimum Career Ladder Level of 2. They may or may not choose to pursue one of the approved trainer types.

Verified Trainer- Approved to train **ONLY** on specific curricula for which they've successfully completed an official train-the-trainer program. Trainers hold an endorsement from the curriculum developer and all endorsements are verified by Aspire, the statewide workforce registry.

Content Specialist- Approved to provide non-credit bearing training **only** within their area of expertise (e.g. health, safety, accounting, law, etc.). These specialized topics do not require a background in early childhood education, but are relevant to the quality of early childhood program development. Content Specialist Trainers may hold a professional license and/or have a degree related to the specialty area.

Credentialed Trainer- Approved to train on general Early Childhood content and has been awarded one of the three (3) New York State Early Learning Trainer Credential levels. General Early Childhood content includes training that covers the New York State Core Competency Areas and the New York State Office and Family Services Training Topics 1-9. Higher Education Faculty currently or previously employed full time in a department of child development or early childhood education at a nationally or regionally accredited higher education institution can obtain a Level 3 credential with an active Aspire account and a letter from the institution.

Trainer Type	Approved to Receive EIP Reimbursement for Delivering Non-credit Bearing Face-to-Face Training in:		
	Specific Curricula (Standardized content that requires trainers to participate in a formal train-the-trainer process)	General Early Childhood Content (Content aligned with the NYS Core Body of Knowledge)	Specialized Topics (Family and Social Services; Special Education and Related Services; Fine /Performing Arts; Technology; Health and Wellness; Safety and Security; Program Organization, Leadership and Communications; Laws and Regulations; Business and Finance)
Aspire Registered	x	x	x
Verified	✓	x	x
Content Specialists	x	x	✓
Credentialed	✓	✓	x