A private prekindergarten provider delivering the VPK program must have a director who has a VPK Director Endorsement consistent with section 1002.55(3)(g), Florida Statutes, and meets the requirements of 6M-8.610, Florida Administrative Code.

Effective October 15, 2017, to receive a VPK Director Endorsement Credential, applicants must complete all requirements outlined below 1 - 6:

1. The Florida Director Credential program.
2. Standards for Four-Year-Olds, or Florida Standards for Four-Year-Olds Online (DOE course between 2011-6/30/18) - 3 Hour Online or Instructor-Led Course
   OR
   Implementing the Florida Standards in Preschool Classroom: 3 Years Old to Kindergarten (on or after 7/1/2018) - 5 Hour Online Course or 3 Hour Instructor-Led Course
3. Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors (DOE course) - 5 Hour Online Course
4. VPK Director Credential (DOE course) - 5 Hour Online Course
5. Mathematical Thinking for Early Learners (DOE course) - 5 Hour Online Course
6. Language and Vocabulary in the VPK Classroom (DOE course) - 5 Hour Online Course

As of January 11, 2016, the issuance of the VPK Director Endorsement will automatically appear on the Child Care Training Transcript upon completion of the requirements 1 - 4 listed above.

As of October 15, 2017, the issuance of the VPK Director Endorsement will automatically appear on the Child Care Training Transcript upon completion of all six (6) requirements listed above.

Note: Individuals who were issued a Florida Director Credential before December 31, 2006 are considered “Exempt” from the VPK Endorsement requirement and are still eligible to be a director of a private prekindergarten program. However, these “exempt” directors are encouraged to acquire the VPK Endorsement.

If you have questions about the VPK Director Endorsement, please contact the Office of Early Learning at 1-866-447-1159.