

Career Development Facilitator Certification and Guidance from the South Carolina Department of Education

*Adapted from 'Career Development Facilitator Certification and Guidance from the Office of Student Intervention Services/ SC Department of Education'

Section 59-59-100 of the EEDA states:

By the 2006–07 school year, middle schools and by 2007–08 high schools shall provide students with the services of a career specialist who:

- has obtained a bachelor's degree and who has successfully completed the national [Global] Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) certification training
- or**
- is a certified (master's degree) school counselor having completed the Career Development Facilitator certification training.

This career specialist shall work under the supervision of a certified school guidance counselor.

Each middle and high school shall have a student-to-guidance personnel ratio of three hundred to one. Guidance personnel include certified school guidance counselors and career specialists.

Bachelor-Degreed Career Development Facilitator

Both the school-based middle and high school career specialists and the regionally based career specialists must hold both a bachelor's degree and have and maintain the Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) certification from the Center for Credentialing and Education (CCE).

An individual who holds a bachelor's degree but has not completed the required 120 hours of classroom training in the GCDF competency areas may be hired as a school-based or regionally- based career specialist in the South Carolina public school system if he or she (1) meets the required combination of education and experience specified by the CCE and (2) applies for the GDCF credential through CCE and is placed on Pending status.

An individual holding a bachelor's degree who has completed the required 120 hours of classroom training through a CCE-approved provider but is lacking field experience in the GCDF competency areas may be hired as a school-based or regionally-based career specialist in the South Carolina public school system if he or she (1) applies for the GCDF credential through CCE, (2) is placed on Pending status, and (3) fully documents the required field experience hours within two years.

A school-based or regionally based career specialist who is on Pending status with CCE can use the GCDF designation during the provisional time period but will not receive a certificate until he or she has met all requirements for full certification.

Any individual hired with Pending status who fails to complete the requirements for the GCDF credential within a two-year period will be ineligible to receive state funding.

Certified School Counselor who completed the Career Development Facilitator certification training

Certified School Counselors serving as CDFs must take the CDF course. Certified School Counselors (with master's degrees and completed the CDF course) are not required to obtain or maintain the GCDF certification.

Full information on the process and requirements for obtaining GCDF certification is available for the CCE online at <http://www.cce-global.org/>