

Benefits of Credentialing...

At HS University, we believe in the adage, "The only thing constant is change," especially when it comes to Head Start. For that reason, we continually evaluate and update credentialing programs to ensure that they keep up with new regulations and requirements. Earning an Credentialing not only helps you stay current with the latest Head Start regulations and requirements, it demonstrates your specific job-related experience and Head Start problem-solving skills.

Whether you are new to Head Start, changing jobs, or a seasoned Head Start professional, Credentialing can help you achieve your goals. Gain a sense of accomplishment while you demonstrate to your program, regional office, and peers your commitment to advancing your program's commitment to quality and your ability for meeting Head Start challenges.

Certification benefits	
Support site	This password-protected Web site provides access to members-only benefits, such as transcripts, logos, and special offers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the Support site at www.hsuniversity.org
Private and public newsgroups	Share knowledge with HS University team members and other certified professionals through exclusive newsgroups. Use the newsgroups to network, find Head Start support, and share problems and solutions.
Conferences, training, and events	Take advantage of special networking and Head Start-development opportunities, such as the Live Meetings led by elite HS University Certified Trainers and invitations to take beta exams.
E-newsletter	After you pass your first exam, you will automatically receive the <i>HSU Newsletter</i> , a monthly e-newsletter that announces Head Start updates; training, exam, and credential availability and requirements; and special offers for Head Start trainings.

Credentialing not only helps you get hired and promoted, it provides access to resources that can help your program provide the quality of services to children and families as well as earn recognition in the Head Start world as a "center of excellence". As an Head Start Certified Professional, you can network and collaborate with certified professionals from around the US. Participate in HSU-sponsored events and local users groups, and use the private, member support site to find technical help, certification tips, and Head Start resources.

"More than 80 percent of survey respondents report that HS University's Certification was a factor in improving their program's ability to maintain compliance in Federal Reviews."

– HS University's 2006 survey of Head Start professionals

"Certification opened the door to career advances that I would have normally overlooked. It is a good way to distinguish your abilities in the Head Start Community."

– Karen Miller, Michigan

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