

# ECD 284 : Professionalism and Leadership in Early Childhood Programs

## *Summer*

This course is part of the requirements for the PA Director Credential. It is expected that early childhood and school-age professionals demonstrate a commitment to professionalism and leadership that goes beyond the learning environment. This course will introduce professionals to examine, explore, and practice leadership roles in the early childhood and school-age profession. The course is designed for directors of both for-profit and non-profit child care centers who are seeking the Pennsylvania Keys to Professional Development Director Credential. Participants will build upon existing leadership skills and learn new skills from classic to innovating collaborative and team-building approaches to move towards quality improvement to maintain high level quality programming.

**Credits** 3

## **Notes**

Upon completion of the PA Director Credential coursework, each student will be responsible for submitting an application for the PA Director Credential directly to the Pennsylvania Keys to Quality program with the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). The credential is awarded by the PA Key, not Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. For more information, please go to <http://www.pakeys.org>.