

Pediatric First Aid and NAEYC Accreditation

The National Association for the Education of Young Children ([NAEYC](#)) does not review, endorse or approve first aid or CPR training materials. It accredits childhood education programs. One of the conditions required for NAEYC Accreditation is the presence of at least one staff member successfully trained in pediatric first-aid. According to NAEYC [Criterion 5.A.03](#);

“Courses that specifically address first aid for young children are considered pediatric first aid. A general first aid course that does not address the specific needs of young children is insufficient to meet this criterion. Note that the entire course content (first aid or CPR) does not have to be pediatric, but it must include some content specific to infants and children. In some instances, pediatric first aid courses do not include rescue breathing and management of blocked airways. If the pediatric first aid course does not include rescue breathing and management of blocked airways, it must be supplemented with a training that covers these topics. A person who has taken a pediatric first aid course that does not include rescue breathing but who also has a valid CPR certificate meets this criterion.”

The ASHI *Pediatric CPR, AED, and First Aid* training program is an ideal solution for most child care providers and meets NAEYC Criterion 5.A.03. ASHI *Basic First Aid* (BFA) does **not** include rescue breathing and management of blocked airways for infants and children. This material is covered in the ASHI *CPR/AED* program. The course content for ASHI BFA course is not exclusively pediatric, but it does include content specific to children that is consistent with the current [national health and safety performance standards](#) for early care and education programs (upon which NAEYC Criterion 5.A.03 is based). When a daycare provider is seeking NAEYC Accreditation or state daycare licensing rules require Pediatric First Aid based on NAEYC Criterion and the ASHI BFA program is used, the ASHI BFA certification card with the pediatric check box should be issued to those who successfully complete the program.

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