

REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PRESCHOOL STAFF QUALIFICATIONS
(§17-892.1-17)

POSITION	DEGREE	CREDITS	EXPERIENCE
Director	Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university preferably with courses in Early Childhood Education (ECE), Child Development (CD) or related fields	None	2 years working with children; at least one year of experience with children of the appropriate age for the child care center being directed
	2 years of college education or Child Development Associate (CDA)	None	4 years working with children; at least one year of experience with children of the appropriate age for the child care center being directed
Teacher	Degree in CD or ECE from accredited college or university	None	6 months working in ECE program
	Post secondary credential in either CDA or organized two-year (60 credit) college program	Certificate in ECE	1 year supervised teaching experience in an ECE program
	Bachelor's degree in elementary education from an accredited college or university	6 credits in CD or ECE which may be included as part of the degree	6 months working in an early childhood program
	Bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited college or university	12 credits in CD or ECE which may be included as part of the degree	6 months working in an early childhood program
Assistant Teacher	Post secondary credential in CDA or an associate of arts degree	Certificate in ECE	6 months working in an early childhood program
	Two years (60 credits) of post secondary education	9 (additional) credits in CD or ECE	6 months working in an early childhood program

NOTE: Directors, teachers, assistant teachers, and aides employed in a licensed facility on January 25, 1982, shall be deemed to have adequate minimum qualifications for the type of staff position occupied and to maintain this status when shifting employment to another licensed facility. [§17-892.1-17(d)]