

REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PRESCHOOL STAFF QUALIFICATIONS
(§17-892.2-35)

POSITION	DEGREE	CREDITS	EXPERIENCE
Director	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally 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 1 year of experience of the appropriate age for the child care center being directed
	2 years of college education (sixty semester credits) preferably with course in ECE, CD, or related fields	None	4 years working with children; at least 1 year of experience with children of the appropriate age for the child care center being directed
	Child Development Associate (CDA)	None	4 years working with children; at least 1 year of experience with children of the appropriate age for the child care center being directed
Teacher	Degree in CD or ECE from a regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally accredited college or university	None	6 months working in an ECE program
	CDA		1 year supervised teaching experience in an early childhood program
	Organized 2 years of college education (60 semester credits) from a regionally accredited college or university	Certificate in ECE from a regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally accredited college or university	1 year supervised teaching experience in an early childhood program
	Bachelor's degree in elementary education from a regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally accredited college or university	6 semester credits in approved CD or ECE which may be included as part of the degree and shall be from a	6 months working in an early childhood program

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		regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally accredited college or university	
	Bachelor's degree in any field from a regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally accredited college or university	12 semester credits in approved CD or ECE which may be included as part of the degree and shall be from a regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally accredited college or university	6 months working in an early childhood program
Assistant Teacher	CDA or associate's degree with a certificate in early childhood education from a regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally accredited college or university		6 months working in an early childhood program
	2 years (60 credits) of postsecondary education	9 credits in approved CD or ECE which may be included as part of the degree and shall be from a regionally accredited college or university or transferable to a regionally accredited college or university	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 [§17-892.2-35(h)]