

Instructor III

Alternative Certification

Valid for Six (6) Years — Renewable

- Met Instructor II Requirements
- Signed and Completed Certification Application Form
- Background Check:
 - o Fingerprint Submission (only if re-entering the system after two (2) years)
 - o Police Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
- Payment receipt of \$120.00 (processing fee per certification)
- Bachelor's degree
- Six (6) years of relevant teaching experience
**Must provide employment verification for teaching experience*
- Current Recommendation Letter from a Supervisor/Principal (For Renewal Only)
- Professional Development:
 - o *For Initial:* Proof of completion of two hundred forty (240) hours of seminars, workshops, or in-service training as sanctioned by PSS/BOE and or equivalent university or college courses
 - o *For Renewal:* Proof of completion of three hundred sixty (360) hours of seminars, workshops, or in-service training as sanctioned by PSS/BOE and or equivalent university or college courses

According to the Head Start Performance Standard 1302.91(e)(1) EHS center-based teachers qualification requirement should have a minimum of a CDA credential or comparable credential, and have trained or have equivalent coursework in ECE with a focus on infant and toddler development.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PRE- KINDERGARTEN

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Certification Flowchart

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Basic I

Instructor

Valid for Two (2) Years — Renewable

- Signed and Completed Certification Application Form
- One (1) Passport Size Photo (*For First-time Applicant Only*)
- Fingerprint Submission (valid for one (1) year)**
- Police Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
- Payment receipt of \$40.00 (processing fee per certification)
- Official College Transcript
- Current Recommendation Letter from a Supervisor/Principal (*For Renewal Only*)
- Proof of completion of one hundred twenty (120) hours of seminars, workshops, or in-service training as sanctioned by PSS and or equivalent university or college courses (*For Renewal Only*)

**The CNMI Certification and Licensure Office requires fingerprint processing for the following:

1. First-time applicants applying for certification;
2. Applicants who have left and are returning to the CNMI Public School System (PSS) after two (2) years;
3. Off-island applicants

Specialized

Valid for Two (2) Years — Renewable

- Met Basic I (Instructor) certificate
- Signed and Completed Certification Application Form
- Background Check:
 - o Fingerprint Submission (only if re-entering the system after two (2) years)
 - o Police Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
- Payment receipt of \$40.00 (processing fee per certification)
- Official Transcript or Certificate of Completion of specific Specialized courses:

Early Childhood Education:

- Computer Technology
- Curriculum in Early Childhood Education
- Education for Parenthood
- Guiding and Nurturing
- Safety and First Aid for Young Children
- Administration in Early Childhood Education
- Introduction to Exceptional Individuals

- Current Recommendation Letter from a Supervisor/Principal
- Proof of completion of one hundred twenty (120) hours of seminars, workshops, or in-service training as sanctioned by PSS and or equivalent university or college courses

Instructor I

Alternative Certification

Valid for Two (2) Years — Renewable

- Signed and Completed Certification Application Form
- Fingerprint Submission (valid for one (1) year)**
- Police Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
- Payment receipt of \$40.00 (processing fee per certification)
- Education and Experience:
 - o High School Diploma or equivalent, twenty-four (24) college credits, and Proof of Passing Praxis II in Early Childhood; **OR:**
 - o High School Diploma or equivalent, proof of passing Praxis I, and two (2) years of Teacher Aide experience
- *Must provide employment verification for teaching experience*
- Current Recommendation Letter from a Supervisor/Principal (*For Renewal Only*)
- Proof of completion of one hundred twenty (120) hours of seminars, workshops, or in-service training as sanctioned by PSS/BOE and or equivalent university or college courses (*For Renewal Only*)

Instructor II

Alternative Certification

Valid for Four (4) Years — Renewable

- Met Instructor I Requirements
- Signed and Completed Certification Application Form
- Background Check:
 - o Fingerprint Submission (only if re-entering the system after two (2) years)
 - o Police Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
- Payment receipt of \$80.00 (processing fee per certification)
- AA degree
- Proof of Passing Praxis II in Early Childhood
- Two (2) years of related work experience
**Must provide employment verification for teaching experience*
- Official transcript or certificate of completion of specific Instructor II courses:
 - Introduction to Teaching
 - Classroom Management
 - Instruction in Planning and Assessment for Diverse Classrooms
 - Multicultural Education/ Teaching Linguistically Diverse Students
 - Instructional Technology
 - Instructional Strategies
 - Inclusive Practices for Students with Special Needs
**coursework equivalent to a major relating to early childhood education includes but is not limited to courses that focus on child development, early childhood education and curriculum, early childhood teaching and assessment, psychology, family development, health and physical development, mathematics, science, and children's literature. Such courses may be offered in various departments such as Education, Home Economics, Music, Art, Library Science, Physical Education and Recreation, Psychology, Family Studies, and others.*
- Current Recommendation Letter from a Supervisor/Principal (*For Renewal Only*)
- Professional Development:
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 - o *For Renewal:* Proof of completion of two hundred forty (240) hours of seminars, workshops, or in-service training as sanctioned by PSS/BOE and or equivalent university or college courses

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