



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PRE- KINDERGARTEN

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Certification Flowchart

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INSTRUCTOR I

Valid for Two (2) Years — Renewable

- Signed and Completed Certification Application Form
- Fingerprint Submission (valid for one (1) year)
- Medical Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
- Payment receipt of \$35.00 (processing fee per certification)
- Recommendation Letter from a Supervisor/Principal
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 24+ College Credits
- Proof of Passing Praxis II Early Childhood

OR

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 2 years Teacher Aide experience
- Proof of Passing Praxis I

INSTRUCTOR II

Valid for Four (4) Years — Renewable

- Met Instructor I Requirements
 - Signed and Completed Certification Application Form
 - Background Check:
 - o Fingerprint Submission (if re-entering the system after two (2) years)
 - o Police Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
 - Medical Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
 - Payment receipt of \$35.00 (processing fee per certification)
 - Recommendation Letter from a Supervisor/Principal
 - AA Degree
 - 2+ years related work experience
 - Possess Infant Toddler Child Development Associates (CDA) credential or coursework equivalent
 - 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
 - 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.*
- Proof of Passing Praxis II Early Childhood
 - Proof of completion of sixty (60) hours of seminars, workshops, or in-service training as sanctioned by PSS/BOE and or equivalent university college courses

INSTRUCTOR III

Valid for Six (6) Years — Renewable

- Met Instructor II Requirements
 - Signed and Completed Certification Application Form
 - Background Check:
 - o Fingerprint Submission (if re-entering the system after two (2) years)
 - o Police Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
 - Medical Clearance (valid for one (1) year)
 - Payment receipt of \$35 (processing fee per certification)
 - Recommendation Letter from a Supervisor/Principal
 - Bachelor's degree
 - 6+ years relevant teaching experience
 - Official Transcript or Certificate of Completion of specific specialized courses for 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
- *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.*
- Proof of Passing Praxis II Early Childhood
 - 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

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.