



# COLORADO

## Department of Early Childhood

### EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER QUALIFICATION VERIFICATION WORKSHEET

Must complete ONE of the following options below to meet ECT qualifications:

Qualification Pathway	Verification	Experience Letter
<b>7.702.45.A.1.a</b> A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate degree from an accredited college or university with a major area of study in one (1) of the following areas: 1) Child Development; 2) Child Psychology; 3) Early Childhood Education; 4) Early Childhood Special Education; 5) Educational Leadership and Administration; 6) Elementary Education; 7) Family and Human Development; 8) Family Studies; or, 9) Special Education	College Transcripts  The Department will accept copies of official transcripts or transcripts printed from the student's account if the information is verifiable.	Fulfilled by a Bachelor's Degree or higher.  No additional experience required.
<b>7.702.45.A.1.b</b> A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate degree from an accredited college or university with a major area of study in any area <i>other</i> than those listed at section <b>7.702.45, a, 1, a</b> , and an additional two (2) three (3)-semester credit hour courses in Early Childhood Education; one (1) of the courses must be either Intro to ECE, Guidance Strategies or the Department approved Pyramid Plus Training.	College Transcripts  The Department will accept copies of official transcripts or transcripts printed from the student's account if the information is verifiable.  Verifiable copy of Department approved Training	Fulfilled by a Bachelor's Degree or higher.  No additional experience required.
<b>7.702.45.A.1.c</b> An Associate's degree (60 semester credit hours) from an accredited college or university in Early Childhood Education or Child Development, which must include at least two (2), three (3)-semester credit hour courses in Early Childhood Education; one (1) of the courses must be either Intro to ECE, Guidance Strategies or the Department approved Pyramid Plus Training.	College Transcripts  The Department will accept copies of official transcripts or transcripts printed from the student's account if the information is verifiable.  Verifiable copy of Department approved Training	Fulfilled by an Associate's Degree or higher.  No additional experience required.
<b>7.702.45.A.1.d</b> A current professional Teaching License issued by the Colorado Department of Education with an endorsement in the area of Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, or Early Childhood Special Education Specialist.	Verifiable copy of CDE Teacher License with the required Endorsements: Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Early Childhood Special Education Specialist, Elementary Education, Principal Licensure or Special Education  Teacher License must have a current expiration date	Current Teacher License fulfills the experience requirement based on a previously earned Bachelor's degree or higher verified by CDE.
<b>7.702.45.A.1.e</b> A current Early Childhood Professional Credential Level II (2) or higher in Version 3.0 as determined by the Department	Current copy of Credential Level II (2) (Version 3.0)  Level III (3) Version 2.0 will be accepted until Credential expiration date	No additional experience required  Experience is reviewed by the PDIS Team and points are awarded based on the Credential application evaluation
<b>7.702.45.A.1.f</b> A current Child Development Associate (CDA) awarded by the CDA Council in one of the following: Center-Based, Preschool; Center-Based, Infant-Toddler; or Family Child Care; or other Department-approved credential	Current CDA Certificate issued by the CDA Council	No additional experience required





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<p><b>7.702.45.A.1.g</b> Completion of a course of training approved by the Department and published on the Department's approval list;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montessori Training MACTE Accredited (AMI &amp; AMS)</li> <li>• Delta/Montrose Technical Center</li> <li>• Buell Early Childhood Leadership Institute</li> <li>• Clayton Institute / UCD</li> <li>• Stanley British Primary School / UCD</li> <li>• Emily Griffith</li> <li>• Pickens Tech</li> </ul>	<p>Current certificate, Program Diploma or Official Transcript</p>	<p>Nine (9) months (1,365 hours) of verified experience in the care and supervision of four (4) or more children less than eight (8) years of age who are not related to the individual</p>
<p><b>7.702.45.A.1.h</b> Eighteen (18) semester credit hours from an accredited college or university in Early Childhood Education; one (1) of the courses must be either Intro to ECE, Guidance Strategies or the Department approved Pyramid Plus Training.</p>	<p>College Transcripts</p> <p>The Department will accept copies of official transcripts or transcripts printed from the student's account if the information is verifiable.</p>	<p>Three (3) months (455 hours) of verified experience in the care and supervision of four (4) or more children less than eight (8) years of age who are not related to the individual</p>
<p><b>7.702.45.A.1.i</b> A current Early Childhood Professional Credential Level I or higher in Version 3.0 as determined by the Department OR completion of two (2) three (3) semester credit hour courses from an accredited college or university in Early Childhood Education; one (1) of the courses must be either Intro to ECE, Guidance Strategies or the Department approved Pyramid Plus Training.</p>	<p>A current Colorado Level I (one) Credential (version 2.0 and 3.0) -OR- Official Transcript</p>	<p>Twenty-one (21) months (3,185 hours) of verified experience in the care and supervision of four (4) or more children less than eight (8) years of age who are not related to the individual. Satisfactory experience includes being a licensee of a Colorado Family Child Care Home, a Teacher's Aide or Teacher in a childcare center, preschool, or elementary school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 3,185 hours of verified experience must be additional and not used to earn the Level 1 (one) Credential.</li> <li>• The experience used to obtain the Colorado Level 1 (one) Credential must be attached to the credential. The additional 21 months of experience must be in the staff member's file and available for review.</li> </ul>

- All International Official Transcripts awarded outside of the United States must be evaluated for United States equivalency. The Department accepts evaluations from organizations approved by The National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). [www.naces.org/members](http://www.naces.org/members). Unfortunately, international experience is not accepted by the Department.
- As of 06/14/2021 the Early Childhood Professional Credential (ECPC) Version 3.0 system has gone into effect. Individuals can meet Early Childhood Teacher Qualifications based on their ECPC version 3.0 Level II (2). Individuals that have an ECPC Version 2.0 may use their Credential Level III (3) until expiration.
- Child Development Associate CDA Council website: <https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/>
- Early Childhood Professional Credential- Colorado Shines PDIS: <https://www.coloradoshinespdis.com/s/login/>
- Department approved Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler Care Initiative (EQIT) is equivalent to Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice. Per rules 7.702.45 A, 1, c, i & h, EQIT can be used towards fulfilling one of the two required ECE courses for these qualification pathways. <https://cdec.colorado.gov/expanding-quality-in-infant-toddler-care-initiative>
- Pyramid Plus Approach- Healthy Child Care Colorado: <https://healthychildcareco.org/>
- Teacher License- Colorado Department of Education: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/endorsementrequirements>
- United States Department of Education Accreditation: <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home>

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