



ASSISTANT EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER QUALIFICATION PATHWAY CHART
Must complete ONE of the following options below to meet Assistant Early Childhood Teacher qualifications:

2.217.A.2. For full day programs, during times of low attendance and/or during the first and last hour of the day, when only eight (8) or fewer children are present in the facility, there must be at least one (1) Early Childhood Teacher or Assistant Early Childhood Teacher working with the children and a second staff member must be on site and immediately available. There must be no more than two (2) children less than the age of two (2) present. When nine (9) or more children are in attendance, at least two (2) staff members must be on duty.

Qualification Pathway (Rule)	Verification	Experience Letter	Specific Requirements
<p>2.216.E.1 Completion of one (1) of the Early Childhood Education courses in rule Section 2.214.B.2, with a course grade of “C” or better; and a minimum of 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. Assistant Early Childhood Teachers must be enrolled in and attending the second (2nd) Early Childhood Education course, which will be used as the basis for their qualification for the position of Early Childhood Teacher</p>	<p>Official Transcripts</p> <p>*Sent directly from the Registrar’s Office by secure email or in a sealed envelope to the <i>individual</i>. Copy of official transcript to be kept in individuals staff file</p> <p>The Department will accept unofficial transcripts printed from the student’s account if the information is verifiable</p>	<p>Nine (9) months (1,365 hours) of verified experience</p> <p>Experience is verified with an official experience letter. Verified experience must be 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 and must have been in the role of an ECT</p> <p>Experience verification letters must: <i>-Be on company letterhead</i> <i>-Include the ages of children worked directly with</i> <i>-State the ages of children worked directly with (separate children over age 8 from children under age 8)</i> <i>-Include verifiable information such as date, date of employment, role, contact information of employer</i> <i>-Be signed by the Director, Owner, HR Representative or PDIS Representative</i></p> <p>https://www.coloradoshinespdis.com/s/early-childhood-experience-explained?language=en_US</p>	<p>2.216.G All course grades used for the Early Childhood Teacher requirements must be a “C” or better</p> <p>2.214. B, 2 a. Intro to Early Childhood Education b. Intro to Early Childhood Education Techniques c. Guidance Strategies for Young Children -or- Department approved Colorado Pyramid Plus Approach Training d. ECE Nutrition, Health and Safety e. Admin of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs. F. Admin: Human Relations for ECE or Intro to Business g. Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques h. ECE Child Growth and Development i. The Exceptional Child j. Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice -or- Department Approved Expanding Quality Infant/Toddler Training (EQT)</p>
<p>2.216.E.2 Completion of two (2) of the Early Childhood Education courses referenced in Section 2.216.A.1.b, with a course grade of “C” or better</p>	<p>Official Transcripts</p> <p>*Sent directly from the Registrar’s Office by secure email or in a sealed envelope to the <i>individual</i>. Copy of official transcript to be kept in individuals staff file</p> <p>The Department will accept unofficial transcripts printed from the student’s account if the information is verifiable</p>	<p>No additional experience is required</p>	<p>2.216.G All course grades used for the Early Childhood Teacher requirements must be a “C” or better</p> <p>2.216.A.1.b a. Intro to Early Childhood Education or b. Intro to Early Childhood Education Techniques</p>
<p>2.216.E.3 A Current Early Childhood Professional Credential level I or higher in Version 3.0 as determined by the Department</p>	<p>Copy of current Early Childhood Professional Credential</p>	<p>Persons with an Early Childhood Professional Credential Level I Version 3.0 as determined by the Department; no additional experience is required</p>	<p>The Department will accept Early Childhood Professional Credentials Version 2.0 until expiration date</p>





Additional Information:

- 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. Unfortunately, international experience is not accepted by the Department.
- 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. <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>

