

**ASSISTANT TEACHERS are required to have different qualifications in different settings.**

The minimum **educational qualifications** for each setting are listed below.

Some settings also require other qualifications as well. See “Notes” and check with the agency that sets to requirements to see these additional requirements. Requirements may change and certain employers may require more than the minimum qualifications.

<b>Setting and Agency</b>	<b>Age of Children</b>	<b>Current minimum educational requirements</b>	<b>Notes (Additional &amp; future requirements)</b>
Licensed Child Day Care Centers <sup>1</sup> (DPH)	Infants to school age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High school diploma</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 years old</li> <li>540 hours experience</li> </ul>
School Readiness funded programs (SDE)	3 & 4-year olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See licensed Child Day Care Center, public school, or NAEYC requirements as applicable</li> </ul>	
Department of Social Service Child Care Centers (DSS)	Infants to school age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See licensed Child Day Care Center</li> </ul>	
Head Start Program (Federal Head Start Bureau)	3 & 4-year olds	As of September 30, 2010: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDA or equivalent</li> </ul>	
NAEYC Accredited Program (NAEYC)	Infants & toddlers, 3 and 4-year olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>50% have or working on CDA</u><sup>2</sup></li> <li>OR</li> <li>12 credits in ECE content that encompass 5 content areas</li> </ul>	
Private Schools	Infants through high school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements set by the school</li> </ul>	
Public Schools (SDE)	3-year olds through high school	Associate Degree OR Parapro exam	
Licensed Family Child Care Homes (DPH)	Birth through school age	None	

<sup>1</sup> Child day care centers are licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH). These are the requirements for the individual designated as the “second program person” in a child day care center. This individual must also be at least 18 years old and have 540 hours of documented supervised experience. See the DPH website for more information ([http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3141&Q=387158&dphNav\\_GID=1823](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3141&Q=387158&dphNav_GID=1823)) and page 10 [http://ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/daycare/pdf/Statutes\\_and\\_Regulations\\_Centers.pdf](http://ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/daycare/pdf/Statutes_and_Regulations_Centers.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> NAEYC accreditation requires 50% of assistant teachers to have a CDA or equivalent (12 credits in ECE that encompass the 5 content areas).