

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.

Setting and Agency	Age of Children	Current minimum educational requirements	Notes (Additional & future requirements)
Licensed Child Day Care Centers ¹ (DPH)	Infants to school age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CDA</u> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>12 credits</u> in early childhood education or child development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 years old • 1080 hours documented experience
School Readiness funded programs ² (SDE)	3 & 4-year olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CDA and 12 credits</u> in early childhood education OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associates or bachelor’s degree and <u>12 credits</u> in early childhood education or child development 	As of 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor’s degree
Department of Social Service Child Care Centers (DSS)	Infants to school age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CDA and 12 credits</u> in ECE OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associates or Bachelor’s degree and <u>12 credits</u> in or child development 	
Early Head Start (Federal Head Start Bureau)	Infants and toddlers	As of September 30, 2010: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CDA</u> or equivalent 	As of September 30, 2012: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CDA</u> or equivalent and “Training with a focus on infant and toddler development”
Head Start Program (Federal Head Start Bureau)	3 & 4-year olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CDA</u> with preschool endorsement for center-based setting OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A state awarded credential for preschool teachers that 	As of October 1, 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associates degree in ECE³ As of September 30, 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associates or Bachelor’s degree in ECE⁴

¹ Child day care centers are licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH). These are the requirements for the “head teacher” in a child day care center. See the DPH website for more information (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)

² School Readiness is a program administered and funded by the Connecticut Department of Education. Programs may be in public schools or in community child care centers. See the SDE website for more information

³ Or an associates degree and “course work equivalent to major relating to ECE with experience teaching preschool children.”

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		exceeds <u>CDA</u> requirements OR • 2013 requirements	
NAEYC Accredited Program (<i>NAEYC</i>)	Infants & toddlers, 3 and 4- year olds	• 75% of teachers <u>CDA</u> or equivalent OR Working on Associates or higher in ECE OR Have a degree plus experience plus relevant training	
Private Schools	Infants through high school	Requirements are set by the school	
Public Schools (<i>SDE</i>)	3-year olds through high school	• Bachelor's Degree and • State teacher certification ⁵	
Licensed Family Child Care Homes (DPH)	Birth through school age	<i>None</i>	• At least 20 years old • Completion of approved 6-hour first aid course

⁴ By 2013 50% of teachers required to have a bachelor's degree and all others have an associate degree. The degrees must be in early childhood or you must have "course work equivalent to major relating to ECE with experience teaching preschool children."

⁵ Currently in Connecticut the State Department of Education issues 2 early childhood endorsements for teacher certification: 1) Nursery to Grade 3 and 2) Birth to Kindergarten.