Training

Candidates for the Maine Inclusion Credential must complete the following Maine Roads to Quality Core Knowledge Trainings:

- **Inclusive Child Care** (30 hours) OR **Creating Inclusive Youth Development Settings** (30 hours)
- **Your Professional Development Portfolio: The How, When, and Why** (9 hours)
- **Foundations of Inclusion: Relevant Laws, Featuring the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** (6 hours)
- **Foundations of Universal Design and Individualizing** (12 hours)
- **Collaborating with Others to Support Inclusion** (12 hours)
- **Positive Supports and Challenging Behavior** (15 hours)
What Is the Maine Inclusion Credential?

Maine Roads to Quality and the Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies, in partnership with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services, has developed the Maine Inclusion Credential to help practitioners build the skills, knowledge, resources, and attitudes to offer care to all children in an inclusive environment.

Competencies

The Maine Inclusion Credential requires applicants to demonstrate their understanding of the following competencies related to the following dimensions of quality, inclusive practices:

- Foundations of quality, inclusive practices: access, participation, and supports
- Child development and learning
- Curriculum, assessment, instruction, and learning environments
- Building relationships with children and families
- Professionalism

See the MRTQ website at: muskie.usm.maine.edu/maineroads/pd/inclusioncredential.htm for full details.

Requirements

Successful candidates for Maine’s Inclusion Credential will meet the following requirements:

- At least ONE of the following education requirements:
  - Have completed the MRTQ 180 Hour Core Knowledge Training Program
  - Hold a current CDA
  - Hold a current Maine Infant Toddler 1 Credential
  - Hold a current Maine Youth Development Credential
  - An Associate’s degree or above in Early Childhood Education or a related field
- Be a member of the MRTQ Registry
- Document 480 hours of work with children and/or youth over the past five years
- Completion of the required training (see back panel)
- Be observed by a member of the Inclusion Credential Team
- Submit a complete Inclusion Credential Portfolio to Maine Roads to Quality
- Complete a peer review presentation and interview

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