

10-148 CMR Ch. 32, Child Care Facility Licensing Rule Child Care Centers, Nursery Schools, Small Child Care Facilities, Other Programs

- c. 30 college credits in Early Childhood Education, and one year of direct Child care experience; or
 - d. Child Development Associate (CDA) as awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition or a Maine State-approved credential, and three years' direct Child care experience; or
 - e. Five years of direct Child care experience, and 135 hours of training in early childhood education including healthy, safe, and inclusive environments; Child development; observation and assessment; developmentally appropriate practice; guidance; relationships with families; and cultural diversity.
- 6. Facilities licensed for 50 or more Children must employ a Director and/or lead teacher who is at least 21 years of age, and meets one of the following requirements:
 - a. A Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts (BA/BS) in Early Childhood Education; or
 - b. A BA/BS in a Department-approved related field with 18 credit hours in Early Childhood Education and three years of direct Child care experience; or
 - c. An Associate in Arts/Associate in Science (AA/AS) in Early Childhood Education and three years of direct Child care experience; or
 - d. An AA/AS in a related field with 18 credit hours in Early Childhood Education and three years of direct Childcare experience;
 - e. Current CDA as awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition or a Maine State-approved credential, with five years of direct Childcare experience;
 - f. Seven years of experience and 180 hours of training in the topics listed in Section 7(F)(4)(e) above; or
 - g. Meet Level 5, 6, 7, or 8 on the Maine Roads to Quality Career Lattice.
- 7. The lead teacher or person having the primary responsibility for a group of Children in a program with 13 or more Children must be at least 18 years of age and meet one of the following requirements:
 - a. Current CDA as awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition or a Maine State-approved credential; or
 - b. 12 months of direct Child care experience; or
 - c. One year (30 credit hours) of college work including one course in a Child related subject and six months experience.
- 8. Directors and/or lead teachers of school-age Child Care Facilities must have an AA/AS in Early Childhood Education or 30 college credits in a closely related field such as elementary education, Child development, or recreation management.