

Quality Counts – Center Standards – TCT Board Approved 2/11/13 revised December 2015

Basic Participation Criteria (to be eligible to apply):

1. Program must have been in operation for at least 1 year (licensed for over 1 year).
2. Program must meet the ELC Child Safety Licensing Policy: May not have one (1) Class I licensing violation or more than three (3) Class II licensing violations of the same substandard in the past 12 months.
3. Program cannot have a probationary license.

Staff Qualifications	Learning Environment
Meet all Level 1 requirements	Meet all Level 1 requirements
Meet all Level 2 requirements	Meet all Level 2 requirements
Meet all Level 3 requirements	Meet all Level 3 requirements
Meet all Level 4 requirements	Meet all Level 4 requirements
Meet all Level 5 requirements	Meet all Level 5 requirements

Note: All staff must meet ALL criteria in Education and Training to be eligible for each level.

Staff Qualifications:

	Education	Training
Level 1	<i>Directors:</i> Have 3 credits or 4.5 CEUs in EC/CD	<i>Directors:</i> Have an active Level I Director Credential
	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> (none)	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> 100% have completed and passed examination for DCF 45 training hours including the 5-hour Early Literacy course (within licensing timeframe ¹ ; does not apply to individuals with an exemption from DCF)
	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> (none)	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> 100% have completed and passed examination for DCF 45 training hours including the 5-hour Early Literacy course (within licensing timeframe ¹) <i>ALL Teaching Staff:</i> 100% have 10 hours of in-service training (within licensing timeframe ¹)
Level 2	<i>Directors:</i> Have 6 credits or 9.0 CEUs or a combination of the two in EC/CD	<i>Directors:</i> Have an active Level I Director Credential
	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> (none)	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> 50% have active Staff Credential
	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> (none)	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> 25% have (or currently enrolled in) active Staff Credential <i>ALL Teaching Staff:</i> 100% of those employed for more than one year have at least 1.5 CEUs ² in EC/CD topic or the equivalent credit hours per renewal ³
Level 3	<i>Directors:</i> Have 12 credits or 18.0 CEUs or a combination of the two in EC/CD or AA+/60 college credits toward a degree in a related field with 6 credits in EC/CD	<i>Directors:</i> Have an active Level II Director Credential
	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> 100% have 9 credits or 13.5 CEUs or a combination of the two in EC/CD	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> 100% have active Staff Credential
	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> 50% have 6 credits or 9.0 CEUs or a combination of the two in EC/CD	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> 50% have (or currently enrolled in) active Staff Credential <i>ALL Teaching Staff:</i> 100% of those employed for more than one year have at least 2.0 CEUs ² in EC/CD topic or equivalent credit hours per renewal ³
Level 4	<i>Directors:</i> Have 18 credits or 27.0 CEUs or a combination of the two in EC/CD or AA+/60 college credits toward a Degree in a related field with 15 credits in EC/CD	<i>Directors:</i> Have an active Advanced Director Credential
	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> 100% have 15 credits or 22.5 CEUs or a combination of the two in EC/CD or AA+/60 college credits with 12 credits in EC/CD	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> 100% have active Staff Credential and of those 50% have active Staff Credential through formal education
	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> 50% have 9 credits or 13.5 CEUs or a combination of the two in EC/CD	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> 50% have active Staff Credential <i>ALL Teaching Staff:</i> 100% of those employed for more than one year have 2.5 CEUs ² in EC/CD topic or equivalent credit hours per renewal ³
Level 5	<i>Directors:</i> Have BA/BS Degree with 18 credits in EC/CD	<i>Directors:</i> Have an active Advanced Director Credential
	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> 75% have AA/AS Degree with at least 18 credits in EC/CD	<i>Lead Teachers:</i> 100% have active Staff Credential and of those, 50% have active Staff Credential through formal education
	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> 50% have 12 credits or 18.0 CEUs or a combination of the two in EC/CD or AA+/60 college credits with 6 credits in EC/CD	<i>Assistant Teachers:</i> 100% have active Staff Credential

ALL Teaching Staff: 100% of those employed for more than one year have 3.0 CEUs² in EC/CD topic or equivalent credit hours per renewal³

¹ Licensing timeframe is one year from date of start within the field.

² CEU = Continuing Education Units certified by a Regionally Accredited University/College or IACET (International Association Continuing Education and Training).

³ Trainings submitted at each renewal must be at least 0.4 CEUs each and cannot be a repeat of the same training taken the prior renewal period.

Note: Programs must meet ALL assessment criteria to be eligible for each level.

Learning Environment:

	CLASS Pre-K Emotional Support	CLASS Pre-K Classroom Organization	CLASS Pre-K Instructional Support	ECERS-R Provisions for Learning factor	ITERS-R
Level 1	At least 4.0	At least 3.0	At least 1.0	At least 3.0	At least 2.5
Level 2	At least 4.5	At least 3.5	At least 1.5	At least 3.5	At least 3.0
Level 3	At least 5.0	At least 4.0	At least 2.0	At least 4.0	At least 3.5
Level 4	At least 5.5	At least 4.5	At least 2.5	At least 4.5	At least 4.0
Level 5	At least 6.0	At least 5.0	At least 3.0	At least 5.0	At least 4.5