

**H7C-EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR**  
**July 1, 2008**

Title/Class Code	Education/Experience/Licensure/Certification	Substitutions
<b>CHILD CARE AIDE</b>  <b>H7C1TX</b>	<p>A Child Care Aide in an infant nursery must be at least 18 years old. A Child Care Aide in a toddler nursery must be at least 16 years old.</p> <p>A medical examination including chest X-ray or tuberculin test is required. Other specific tests may be required. Required background checks include a review with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) AND the Central Registry of Child Protection (Trails).</p>	
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR I</b>  <b>H7C2XX</b>	<p>An Early Childhood Educator I must be at least 19 years old.</p> <p>Positions in an infant nursery must have six months of experience in the care of infants and toddlers (which may include parenting experience).</p> <p>Any of the following combinations of education and experience are required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completion of at least two years of college education with at least one college course in childhood development AND six months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age.</li> <li>2. Completion of the equivalent of 12 semester hours of course work at an accredited college or university in childhood development or early childhood education AND nine months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age.</li> <li>3. Completion of a vocational or occupational education sequence in childhood development AND twelve months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age.</li> <li>4. Certification as a Child Development Associate (CDA), Child Care Professional (CCP), or other Department of Human Services approved credential.</li> <li>5. Twenty-four months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age AND 1) a current Colorado Initial License OR 2) two (2) three-credit college courses from an accredited college or university with one course being introduction to early childhood education.</li> <li>6. *Thirty-six months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age.</li> </ol> <p>*This option to be group leader qualified will not be available after May 1, 2010.</p> <p>A medical examination including chest X-ray or tuberculin test is required. Other specific tests may be required. Required background checks include a review with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) AND the Central Registry of Child Protection (Trails).</p>	

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<p><b>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR II</b></p> <p><b>H7C3XX</b></p>	<p>An Early Childhood Educator II must be at least 19 years old. Positions in an infant nursery must have six months of experience in the care of infants and toddlers (which may include parenting experience).</p> <p>One year of experience which included responsibility for determining and implementing daily lesson plans for the educational and recreational activities for assigned children or classes AND any of the following combinations of additional education and experience are required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completion of at least two years of college education with at least one college course in childhood development AND six months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age.</li> <li>2. Completion of the equivalent of 12 semester hours of course work at an accredited college or university in childhood development or early childhood education AND nine months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age.</li> <li>3. Completion of a vocational or occupational education sequence in childhood development AND twelve months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age.</li> <li>4. Certification as a Child Development Associate (CDA), Child Care Professional (CCP), or other Department of Human Services approved credential.</li> <li>5. Twenty-four months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age AND 1) a current Colorado Initial License OR 2) two (2) three-credit college courses from an accredited college or university with one course being introduction to early childhood education.</li> <li>6. *Thirty-six months of verified experience in group care of unrelated children less than six years of age.</li> </ol> <p>* This option to be group leader qualified will not be available after May 1, 2010.</p> <p>A medical examination including chest X-ray or tuberculin test is required. Other specific tests may be required. Required background checks include a review with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) AND the Central Registry of Child Protection (Trails).</p>	