



DC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS:

Education Requirements Take **Effect Dec. 2, 2023!**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

DC early childhood educators must meet certain education requirements depending on their staff type. The education requirement for most staff types goes into effect on **Dec. 2, 2023**. Learn more about the requirement for your staff type below.

	POSITION	CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
CENTER-BASED	Center Director	Bachelor’s degree in early childhood education* OR a bachelor’s degree in any subject area with at least 15 semester credit hours in early childhood education.	Dec. 2, 2022
	Teacher	Associate degree in early childhood education** OR an associate degree (or higher) in any subject area with at least 24 semester credit hours in early childhood.	Dec. 2, 2023
	Assistant Teacher	Child Development Associate (CDA) OR an associate degree (or higher) in any subject area.	
HOME-BASED	Expanded Home Caregiver	Associate degree in early childhood education** OR an associate degree (or higher) in any subject area with at least 24 semester credit hours in early childhood.	Dec. 2, 2023
	Home Caregiver and Associate Home Caregiver	CDA	



GET STARTED TODAY!

Resources and supports are available to help early childhood educators meet the education requirements! Learn more about programs and scholarship opportunities at osse.dc.gov/eceresources or by scanning the QR code.

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

If you are unsure of your staff type, please talk with your employer. For questions or assistance developing an individualized plan contact the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Help Desk at ECehelpdesk@dc.gov or (202) 478-5903. Support is available in various languages.



* Bachelor’s degree in early childhood education including early childhood development, early childhood education, elementary education, or early special education

** Associate degree in early childhood education or early childhood development, child and family studies, or a closely related field