

Qualifications for Group Child Care Teachers Related Fields of Study

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What Will Be Covered?

- Group teacher qualifications (Article 47 covered programs)
- Accepted related fields of study
- Who does the related field definition apply to?
- Reviewing transcripts and resumes
- Q & A (question and answer) session

Article 47

Group Teacher Qualifications

How To Qualify as a Group Teacher in an Article 47 Group Child Care (GCC) Preschool Program (47.13)

1

Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field of study and **valid certification** issued by the State Education Department

2

Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field of study and **two years of supervised and documented relevant experience** in a preschool program

3

Proposed plan for meeting the requirements of 1 or 2 within seven years and **meet additional eligibility requirements** set forth by Article 47

How To Qualify as a Group Teacher in an Article 47 GCC Infant-Toddler Program (47.15)

1

Associate's
degree in
Early
Childhood
Education

2

Childhood
Development
Associate (CDA)
plus a study plan
to obtain an
Associate's degree
in Early Childhood
Education within 7
years

3

High school
diploma; 9 college
credits in Early
Childhood
Education; and a
study plan to
obtain an
Associate's degree
in Early Childhood
Education within
7 years

4

High school
diploma and 5
years of
supervised
experience in an
infant-toddler
classroom if
currently
employed in a
program

5

High school
diploma; a study
plan leading to 9
college credits in
Early Childhood
Education in two
years; and a study
plan to obtain an
Associate's degree
in Early Childhood
Education within
7 years

What Does the Related Field Definition Tell Us?

- Defines which fields of study are related to Early Childhood Education
- Defines which teaching certificates are related to Early Childhood Education
- Notes which teaching certificates are acceptable and not acceptable to the Department

Acceptable Related Fields of Study

What Fields of Study are Related to Early Childhood Education?

- Elementary Education
- Nursery to 6th Grade Elementary Education
- Special Education
- Students With Disabilities, Birth to 2nd Grade
- Students With Disabilities, 1st to 6th Grade
- Child Psychology*
- Child Development*
- General Education*

*These fields of study are required to be accompanied by **12 credits** specific to Early Childhood Education.

What Teaching Certificates Are Accepted or Not Accepted?

<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Not Accepted</u>
Nursery to 6th grade	Middle School/High School/Secondary Education
Birth to 2nd grade	English as a Second Language/TESOL
Prekindergarten to 6th grade	Art
Students With Disabilities: Birth to 2nd grade	Music
Students With Disabilities: 1st to 6th grade	Dance/Physical Education
Special Education: Nursery or kindergarten to 12th grade	Speech/Language/Physical/Occupational Therapies

Who Qualifies, and For Which Role?

Staff Qualifications and Titles for Preschool Programs

Accepted NYS Teacher Certification:

- Education Director (if candidate also has 2 years of experience as a preschool teacher)
- Covering Education Director
- Group Teacher

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field plus 2 years of relevant experience:

- Group Teacher

Any other Bachelor's Degree plus experience plus a plan for meeting certification requirement within 7 years:

- Study Plan Group Teacher

Reviewing Transcripts and Resumes

Reviewing Transcripts

Three degrees requiring 12 Credits in ECE:

- Child Psychology
- Child Development
- General Education

Examples of ECE Courses:

- Early Childhood Foundations Courses
 - Historical Foundations of Education
 - Parent and Community Courses
 - Child Development or Child Psychology
 - Educational Developmental Psychology
- Methodology Courses

A list of acceptable courses can be found in 47.13.

Reviewing Resumes

- Resumes should be reviewed for **relevant, verifiable** experience
- Resumes are not a substitute for transcript review

When qualifying **Education Directors**:

- Two years of experience AND
- Experience must be as a group teacher for children younger than age 6

When qualifying **Group Teachers** by degree and experience:

- Two years of experience AND
- Experience must be in a “preschool program”

When determining **Study Plan eligibility**:

- One year of “classroom experience” teaching children up to 3rd grade if the individual has a Bachelor’s degree in any other subject area
- A plan for NYS Certification within 7 years

Q & A

Please post your questions in the Q & A section.

