



RATED LICENSE FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS LICENSED FOR 3 ~ 12 CHILDREN LOCATED IN A RESIDENCE



PROGRAM REQUIREMENT	EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum licensing requirements. <p style="text-align: center;">1 pt.</p>	<p>All staff must meet minimum licensing requirements which include:</p> <p><u>On-Site Child Care Administrator/Lead Teacher:</u> Must be at least 21 years old and have a high school diploma or its equivalent and have or be working towards the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³</p> <p><u>Note:</u> All lead teachers must begin work towards the NCECC⁶ or its equivalent within 6 months of assuming the duties of lead teacher and must complete the NCECC⁶ or its equivalent within 18 months</p> <p><u>All Other Teachers (counted in staff/child ratio):</u> Must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or its equivalent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 pt.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum licensing requirements; Meets all enhanced standards <u>except either</u> enhanced ratios OR enhanced space <p style="text-align: center;">2 pts.</p>	<p>All staff must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 2 points:</p> <p><u>On-Site Child Care Administrator/Lead Teacher:</u> Shall have the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and completed or be enrolled in 3 semester hours in ECE/CD¹ (not including NCECC⁶ coursework)</p> <p><u>All Other Teachers (counted in staff/child ratio):</u> 50% of the Teachers shall have: (1) 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (2) be enrolled in 3 semester hours in ECE/CD¹; OR (3) any combination of Subparagraph (1) and (2) of this Paragraph</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 pts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum licensing requirements; Meets all enhanced standards <u>except either</u> enhanced ratios OR enhanced space AND FCCERS-R⁴ score of 4.0 <p style="text-align: center;">3 pts.</p>	<p>All staff must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 3 points:</p> <p><u>On-Site Child Care Administrator/Lead Teacher:</u> Shall have the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; AND EITHER (1) completed 3 semester hours in ECE/CD¹ and completed or be enrolled in 3 additional semester hours in ECE/CD¹ (not including NCECC⁶ coursework); OR (2) 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (3) a Level 2 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; OR (4) any combination of Subparagraph (1) through (3) of this Paragraph</p> <p><u>All Other Teachers (counted in staff/child ratio):</u> 50% of the Teachers shall have: (1) completed 3 semester hours in ECE/CD¹; OR (2) 2 years of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (3) any combination of Subparagraph (1) and (2) of this Paragraph</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 pts.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets minimum licensing requirements; • Meets all enhanced standards <u>except</u> enhanced space • AND • FCCERS-R⁴ score of 4.75 <p style="text-align: center;">5 pts.</p>	<p>All staff must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 5 points:</p> <p><u>On-Site Child Care Administrator/Lead Teacher:</u> Shall have the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; AND (1) completed 9 semester hours in ECE/CD¹ (not including NCECC⁶ coursework); and have completed or be enrolled in 3 additional semester hours in ECE/CD¹; and have 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (2) a Level 6 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and have 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (3) any combination of Subparagraph (1) and (2) of this Paragraph</p> <p><u>All Other Teachers (counted in staff/child ratio):</u> 50% of the Teachers shall have: (1) the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and 3 additional semester hours in ECE/CD¹ (not including NCECC⁶ coursework); OR (2) a Level 2 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; OR (3) any combination of Subparagraph (1) and (2) of this Paragraph</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 pts.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets minimum licensing requirements; • Meets all enhanced standards AND • FCCERS-R⁴ score of 5.0 <p style="text-align: center;">6 pts.</p>	<p>All staff must meet minimum requirements for 1 point, plus the following additional requirements for 6 points:</p> <p><u>On-Site Child Care Administrator/Lead Teacher:</u> Shall have the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; AND</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) an AAS degree in ECE/CD¹ or an AAS degree in any major with 12 semester hours in ECE/CD¹ and 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (2) completed 60 semester hours towards a BA/BS degree program with at least 12 semester hours in early childhood education and 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (3) a Level 6 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (4) any combination of Subparagraph (1) through (3) of this Paragraph <p><u>All Other Teachers (counted in staff/child ratio):</u> 50% of the Teachers shall have the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; AND EITHER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) completed 3 additional semester hours in ECE/CD¹ (not including NCECC⁶ coursework) and 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (2) a Level 2 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (3) any combination of Subparagraph (1) and (2) of this Paragraph <p style="text-align: center;">6 pts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets minimum licensing requirements; • Meets all enhanced standards <u>and</u> enhanced ratios minus 1 AND • FCCERS-R⁴ score of 5.0 <p style="text-align: center;">7 pts.</p>	<p>All staff must meet minimum requirements for 1 point, plus the following additional requirements for 7 points:</p> <p><u>On-Site Child Care Administrator/Lead Teacher:</u> Shall have the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; AND</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) an AAS degree in ECE/CD¹ or an AAS degree in any major with 12 semester hours in ECE/CD¹ and 2 years of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (2) a Level 6 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and 2 years of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (3) any combination of Subparagraph (1) and (2) of this Paragraph <p><u>All Other Teachers (counted in staff/child ratio):</u> 50% of the Teachers shall have the NCECC⁶, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; AND EITHER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) completed 6 additional semester hours in ECE/CD¹ (not including NCECC⁶ coursework) and 2 years of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (2) a Level 3 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and 2 years of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (3) any combination of Subparagraph (1) and (2) of this Paragraph <p style="text-align: center;">7 pts.</p>

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Composite Scoring for Star Rating – In each column determine the number of points attained based upon the highest standards met. Total the points from each column to determine the composite score.

<u>Total Number of Points</u>	<u>Star Rating</u>
4 through 6	Two Stars
7 through 9	Three Stars
10 through 12	Four Stars
13 through 15	Five Stars

**Note: You may choose to earn one quality point towards the total points earned on your rated license assessment. See Child Care Rule .2823 for a list of educational and programmatic options.*

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