

(1) DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

(a) Unless exempted under Subparagraph (b) below, a child care center will have a director who is at least 21 years old and meets the requirements outlined in the table below.

Professional Preparation		Experience	
<p>Program Administration</p> <p>The first of three AA-level Early Childhood Program Administration courses in the Early Childhood Program Administration career pathway: <i>Program Management 1</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p>The National Administrator Credential (NAC)*</p>	and	<p>Child Development/Early Childhood Education</p> <p><i>Child Growth, Development and Learning</i> (one of the AA-level "common core courses")**</p>	
<p>The Provisional AA-Level NM Early Childhood Program Administration Certificate (All three AA-level Early Childhood Program Administration Courses and Practicum: <i>Program Management 1, Effective Program Development for Diverse Learners and Their Families & Practicum, Professional Relationships & Practicum</i>)</p> <p>The New Mexico Child Development Certificate (CDC) (Includes the following four courses as well as additional non-coursework requirements: <i>Child Growth, Development and Learning; Health, Safety and Nutrition; Family and Community Collaboration; and Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs</i>)</p> <p>The Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate</p> <p>The Child Care Professional (CCP) certificate</p> <p>The New Mexico Early Childhood Program Administration Certificate</p> <p>Montessori Teacher Certification</p> <p>The New Mexico One-Year Vocational Certificate</p> <p>Associate of Arts (AA) or Applied Sciences (AA or AAS) in child development or early childhood education</p>		and	Two years experience in an early childhood growth and development setting
Or			
<p>A bachelor's degree or higher in early childhood education or a related field. Related fields include: early childhood special education, family studies, family and consumer sciences, elementary education with early childhood endorsement or other degree with successful completion of courses in early childhood.</p>		and	One year of experience in an early childhood growth and development setting

*The NAC and two years of experience in an early childhood growth and development setting will be accepted as sufficient qualification for a director under the following conditions: a) The NAC was received prior to November 30, 2012 and b) the NAC has been maintained and has not expired subsequent to November 30, 2012.