

Child Care Program Lead Teacher

Child Care Program Lead Teachers provide a daily schedule of activities for play, meals, sleep, and toileting, and are responsible for children in their care.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 170-E
Administrative Rules: Chapter He-C 4002

Licensure Requirements

- Child day care agencies (provider/facility/program) must be licensed by the Child Care Licensing Unit under the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
- For employment in a child care nursery, group child care center, preschool program, or school-age program, all child care personnel must provide documentation of education and experience, with such documentation to be kept on file at the child care program
- Licensure of individuals is not required. Credentialing is voluntary.
- Lead Teachers must be at least 21 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, have a minimum of 1,000 hours experience working with children in a licensed child care program, and meet one of the following pre-service training/education options:
 1. College courses totaling 18 credits in early childhood education, with three credits in child growth and development; or
 2. Documentation on file with the department that she or he was qualified for the position of lead teacher on or before the adoption of these administrative rules in November 2008.

Examination

No examination is required, however, CPR and first aid certification are required

Regulatory Agency

Child Care Licensing Unit

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-3857

phone 1-800-852-3345 ext. 9025; or (603) 271-9025

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Fees

There is a \$25.00 fee for application for a voluntary credential, which is valid for three years. Fees vary at the community level.

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Continuing Education

All center-based center directors, lead teachers, associate teachers, and family child care providers and workers shall complete 18 hours of training per calendar year in any of the following areas:

- Child development
- Health and safety, or life safety
- Children with special needs
- Nutrition
- Any child care related courses sponsored or funded by the Department, including but not limited to child care basics or beyond the basics
- Indoor and outdoor learning environments
- Behavior guidance
- Staff supervision
- Leadership, child care administration, or mentoring in early childhood
- Financial management
- Working with families
- Legal issues in child care
- Child welfare

Reciprocity

Not permitted

O*Net Codes

39-9011.00 Child Care Workers

Active Licenses

905 licensed center and home child care programs

Related Training

Child Care Provider/Assistant; Early Childhood Education and Teaching

Additional Information Sources

NH Early Childhood Credential
DHHS/DCYF/Child Development Bureau
<www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cdb/profdev.htm>

Council for Professional Recognition (CDA)
<www.cdacouncil.org>

American Montessori Society
<www.amshq.org>

North American Montessori Teachers' Association (NAMTA)
<www.montessori-namta.org>

National Head Start Association
<www.nhsa.org>