



# RATED LICENSE FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS



PROGRAM REQUIREMENT	EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets minimum licensing requirements.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1 pt.</b></p>	<p>All staff must meet minimum licensing requirements which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>On site child care administrator:</b> must be 21 years old and have a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent; or have HS diploma and have 2 years of early childhood work experience or a BA or AAS degree in ECE/CD or CDA or community college ECE certificate/diploma or 1 year early childhood work experience and the NCECC<sup>4</sup>, and have completed or be enrolled in 2 semester credit hours of ECE administration, or be working toward a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent.</li> <li><b>Lead teachers:</b> must be 18 yrs old and have the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent; or have a HS diploma or GED and have 1 year of child care experience working in a center or 2 years experience as a licensed family child care home operator or have completed a two-year high school child care program or have 20 additional hours of training in child development within the first 6 months of employment, and be working toward the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent.</li> <li><b>Teachers counted in ratios:</b> must be 18 years old with a HS diploma or GED, and have 1 year of child care experience working in a center or 2 years experience as a licensed family child care home operator or have completed a two-year high school child care program or have 20 additional hours of training in child development within the first 6 months of employment.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1 pt.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets minimum licensing requirements;</li> <li>Meets all enhanced standards <u>except either</u> enhanced ratios <b>OR</b> enhanced space</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 pts.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>On site child care administrator:</b> must meet minimum requirements and have a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent <u>and</u> 2 years of full-time verifiable early childhood experience or 1 year exp in child care administration.</li> </ul> <p><u>Centers with a licensed capacity of 200 or more</u> must also have a second on site child care administrator who meets min. requirements and has a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equiv.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lead teachers:</b> must meet minimum requirements and 75% must have the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent <u>and</u> must have or be enrolled in 3 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup>.</li> <li><b>Teachers counted in the ratios:</b> all must meet minimum requirements; 50% must be enrolled in 3 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> <u>or</u> have 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood experience.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 pts.</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets minimum licensing requirements;</li> <li>All enhanced standards <b>except enhanced space</b></li> </ul> <p><u>and</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ERS<sup>2</sup> = avg. 4.5 with no one classroom score lower than 4.0</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4 pts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>On site child care administrator:</u></b> must meet minimum requirements and have a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent <u>and</u> 18 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and at least 1 year of full-time verifiable child care admin experience; or have a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent <u>and</u> 6 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and at least 10 years of full-time verifiable early childhood administration experience.</li> </ul> <p><u>Centers with a licensed capacity of 200 or more</u> must also have a second on site child care administrator who meets minimum requirements and has a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Lead teachers:</u></b> all must meet minimum requirements and have the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent; 75% must have 6 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and be enrolled in an additional 3 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> <u>or</u> must have 3 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and 3 years of full-time verifiable early childhood experience <u>or</u> have 5 years of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience.</li> <li><b><u>Teachers counted in the ratios:</u></b> all must meet minimum requirements; 50% must have the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4 pts</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets minimum licensing requirements;</li> <li>• All enhanced standards <b>except enhanced space</b> <u>and</u></li> <li>• ERS<sup>2</sup> = avg. 4.75 classroom score with no one classroom score lower than 4.0</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 pts.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>On site child care administrator:</u></b> must meet minimum requirements and have a Level II NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent and at least 2 years full-time verifiable early childhood work experience.</li> </ul> <p><u>Centers with a licensed capacity of 200 or more</u> must also have a second on site child care administrator who meets min. requirements and has a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Lead teachers:</u></b> all must meet minimum requirements and have the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent; 75% must have 9 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and be enrolled in an additional 3 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and 1 year of full-time verifiable early childhood experience.</li> <li>• <b><u>Teachers counted in ratios:</u></b> all must meet minimum requirements; 50% must have the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent and 3 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup>.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 pts.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets minimum licensing requirements;</li> <li>• All enhanced standards <u>and</u></li> <li>• ERS<sup>2</sup> = avg. 5.0 with no one classroom score lower than 4.0</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 pts.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>On site child care administrator:</u></b> must meet minimum requirements and have a Level II NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent <u>and</u> 18 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and at least 3 years full-time verifiable work experience in an early childhood center teaching young children, or three years of administrative experience, or three years of a combination of both.</li> </ul> <p><u>Centers with a licensed capacity of 200 or more</u> must also have a second on site child care administrator who meets min. requirements and has a Level I NCECAC<sup>3</sup> or equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Lead teachers:</u></b> all must meet minimum requirements and have the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent; 50% must have an AAS degree in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> or an AAS degree in any major with 12 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and 1 year full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; or have completed 60 semester hours towards a BA/BS degree program with at least 12 semester hours in early childhood education and one year full-time verifiable early childhood work experience.</li> <li>• <b><u>Teachers counted in ratios:</u></b> all must meet minimum requirements; 50% must have the NCECC<sup>4</sup> or equivalent and 3 semester hours in ECE/CD<sup>5</sup> and 1 year full-time verifiable early childhood work experience.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 pts.</b></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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