



HIGH-QUALITY PREKINDERGARTEN COMPONENT – TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Personnel teaching eligible four-year-old students in Texas must be appropriately certified to teach prekindergarten and have an “additional qualification.”

Statute: TEC §29.167 (b)

Commissioner’s Rule: TAC §102.1003 (d)

Options	Appropriately certified to teach early childhood	Additional Qualification
Option #1	Yes	Has a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)
Option #2	Yes	Has a certification offered through a training center accredited by Association Montessori Internationale or through the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
Option #3	Yes	Has at least 8 years of experience teaching in a nationally accredited childcare program
Option #4	Yes	Has a graduate or undergraduate degree in ECE, Special Education–ECE or a non-ECE degree with a documented minimum of 15 units of coursework in ECE
Option #5	Yes	Has documented completion of TSR Training Program (TSR Comprehensive)
Option #6	Yes	Has completed 150 hours of professional development in ECE-specific topics over a consecutive five-year period; 75 of the 150 hours being in a mentoring/coaching relationship
Option #7	Yes	Completes 30 hours of ECE-specific professional development annually with 15 of the 30 hours being in a mentoring/coaching relationship until 150 hours are documented