

Administrator Qualifications

A child care administrator shall have completed a high school education and at least one of the following items listed under education combined with experience where noted:

Education	Experience
Associate, bachelor, master, or doctoral or other post-graduate degree in child development, early childhood education or related field approved by the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS). Must be from an accredited college, university or technical college.	No minimum experience.
A license designated as appropriate for teaching in an associate teaching position in a preschool setting issued by the state board of education pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.	No minimum experience.
An infant and toddler or early childhood credential from a program accredited by the Montessori accreditation council for teacher education.	No minimum experience.
Two years of training, including at least four courses in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college.	No minimum experience.
An "Ohio Administrator Credential" as approved by ODJFS.	No minimum experience.
Designation under the career pathways model as an early childhood professional level three.	No minimum experience.
Designation under the career pathways model as an early childhood professional level two.	Two years of experience working as a child care staff member in a licensed child care program.
Designation under the career pathways model as an early childhood professional level one (within one year, must have designation as an early childhood professional level two).	Two years of experience working as a child care staff member in a licensed child care program.
At least four courses in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college.	Two years of experience working as a child care staff member in a licensed child care program and WAS NOT promoted from within that center.
A current child development associate credential issued by the council for professional recognition.	Two years of experience working as a child care staff member in a licensed child care program.
No minimum education above the high school diploma or GED, but within 1 year of being named administrator, must have completed at least four courses in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college. Verification of high school education shall meet the requirements in appendix B to rule 5101:2-12-08 of the Administrative Code.	A person who has two years of experience working as a child care staff member in a licensed child day care program and WAS promoted from within that center.