

Child Signature Program RFA #3 Teacher/Provider Qualifications in Centers and Family Child Care Homes (FCCH)

These staff qualifications are the required baseline levels of quality for center directors and teachers in CSP 3 Preschool (Pre-K) and Infant Toddlers (I/T) classrooms ¹	
Criteria for Preschool and Infant/Toddler (Center-based)	Criteria for Family Child Care Homes (FCCH)
<p>Director and Lead Classroom Teacher : BA plus 24 ECE units (including core²), or ECE or Multiple Subject teaching credential, or Child Development Permit Matrix Program Director</p> <hr/> <p>Assistant Teacher: Associate's degree (or equivalent course work in BA program) with appropriate ECE credits (recommend 24 units)</p>	<p>Family Child Care Owner (or Lead Teacher if not owner): Meets state licensing requirements PLUS Associate's degree (or equivalent coursework in BA program) with appropriate ECE credits (recommend 24 units)</p>

¹ **Small rural counties** may request a one-time extension to meet teacher qualifications under particular circumstances, listed below. The request must be included in the application and will be considered only if:

- a) The classroom meets all other baseline criteria and readiness assessment requirements, and
- b) Teachers who do not meet the criteria listed above provide an education plan showing realistic ability to meet the criteria listed above by June 30, 2014

Small rural counties may request that First 5 California consider a one-time education extension for a classroom by including a letter with the application, specifying the name of the classroom, names of teachers for whom this extension is sought, the teacher(s) education plan. Consideration will be given to classrooms with teachers who have been continuously enrolled in higher education and who can reasonably meet the educational criteria by June 30, 2014. This one-time extension will not be considered for teachers who begin teaching after the program year has begun (July 1, 2013). Classroom unable to demonstrate that all staff meet the criteria listed above by June 30, 2014 will return to CSP 2 status, effective July 1, 2014.

This one-time extension applies to classrooms in small rural counties only.

² Core courses and general education units as defined for the Child Development Permit. (See <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/child-dev-permits.html>)