



## *Facility Assessment Record Form (Centers)*



This icon indicates that documentation must be available for review prior to or during an on-site assessment.  
Use the document checklists provided to collect all necessary documents.

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care Licensing #: \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Rising Star Assessor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CATEGORY 1



## Director and Staff Qualifications and Training

Director Qualifications and Training

Staff Qualifications and Training

## DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

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Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
Center-Based Only Programs	<b>S-DQT-04</b>	<p><b>DIRECTOR TRAINING PLAN</b>  <i>Director has an individualized written annual plan in the director's file that provides for a minimum of 36 clock hours of training on an annual basis, to include a minimum of 6 hours in program administration, management, and supervision.</i></p> <p> <b>Director Training Plan</b></p> <p><i>N/A allowed if director is a new hire (less than 90 days on the job) at the time of assessment</i></p> <p><u><b>Notes</b></u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Center-Based Only Programs	<b>S-DQT-06</b>	<p><b>DIRECTOR TRAINING HOURS</b>  <i>Director has obtained at minimum 36 clock hours of training (with a minimum of 6 hours in program administration, management, and supervision) within the previous or current training year. Of the 36 hours, a minimum of 15 hours must be instructor-led training.</i></p> <p> <b>Director Training Certificates</b></p> <p><i>N/A allowed if director is a new hire (less than 12 months on the job) at the time of assessment or program is undergoing an initial assessment</i></p> <p><u><b>Notes</b></u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

## DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Instructions: Use the staff education worksheet on page 19 to gather information for scoring the following measures, as applicable to facility type. See definitions on page 20.

### FORMAL EDUCATION SCORING (points-based)



#### Director for Center-Based Program


	Score of 0	Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3
P-DEQT-01	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Valid child care administrator's credential; or <input type="checkbox"/> More than 2 years and up to 4 years as a director in a Texas Rising Star-certified program or TWC-recognized nationally accredited program	<input type="checkbox"/> Valid Child Development Associate credential (CDA), MACTE-approved Montessori Teaching Credential, or Child Care Professional (CCP) credential with 6 college credit hours in business management; <input type="checkbox"/> 9 college credit hours in ECE <u>and</u> 9 credit hours in business management; <input type="checkbox"/> 60 college credit hours with 9 college credit hours in child development <u>and</u> 6 college credit hours in business management; <input type="checkbox"/> Child care administrator's certificate from a community college with at least 15 college credit hours in child development <u>and</u> 3 college credit hours in business management; <input type="checkbox"/> More than 4 years and up to 8 years as a director in a Texas Rising Star-certified program or TWC-recognized nationally accredited program; or <input type="checkbox"/> Non-expiring director's certificate from CCR	<input type="checkbox"/> AA/AAS in ECE or closely related field with 12 college credits in ECE <u>and</u> 6 credit hours in business management; <input type="checkbox"/> At least a BA/BS with 12 hours college credit hours in ECE <u>and</u> 6 credit hours in business management; <input type="checkbox"/> an AA/AAS or BA/BS in any field with 6 college credit hours in business management <u>and</u> a MACTE-approved Montessori Teaching Credential; <input type="checkbox"/> a MACTE-approved Administrator's Credential or <input type="checkbox"/> More than 8 years as a director in a Texas Rising Star-certified program or TWC-recognized nationally accredited program

### DIRECTOR EXPERIENCE (All facilities except school-age only programs)


	Score of 0	Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3
P-DEQT-04	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 years of experience in early childhood	<input type="checkbox"/> 2–3 years of experience in early childhood	<input type="checkbox"/> 4–5 years of experience in early childhood	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 or more years of experience in early childhood

## Staff Qualifications and Training

Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
All Facility Types	<b>S-COTQ-01</b>	<p><b>STAFF ORIENTATION</b>  <i>Before beginning child care duties, <b>all teaching staff members</b> (to include volunteers or substitutes, if applicable) receive documented in-person interactive orientation with the director/administrator to improve knowledge of the child care operation, specific job responsibilities, and children's needs.</i></p> <p><i>Orientation documentation is dated on/prior to the date the staff starts working in the classroom, is observed in the staff file, and includes the following topics:</i></p> <p><i>A. Texas Rising Star program and criteria</i>  <i>B. Policies of the facility</i>  <i>C. An overview of the developmental needs and expectations of children in the assigned age group</i>  <i>D. The planned daily activities of the facility</i></p> <p> <b>Teaching Staff Orientation and Facility Staff List</b></p> <p><i>N/A allowed for homes with no additional teaching staff</i></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Center-Based Programs	<b>S-COTQ-02</b>	<p><b>STAFF TRAINING PLANS</b>  <i>An individualized written annual training plan for each teaching staff provides for a minimum of 30 clock hours of child care–related training specific to the age of children in their care. Staff who may support classrooms on an as needed basis would plan to receive training related to all ages.</i></p> <p> <b>Annual Training Plans</b></p> <p><i>N/A allowed if program has all new staff (less than 90 days on the job) at the time of assessment.</i></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
Center-Based Programs	<b>S-COTQ-03</b>  <b>Annual Training Certificates</b>	<p><b>STAFF TRAINING HOURS</b>  <i>Each teaching staff has obtained at minimum 30 clock hours of child care–related training specific to the age of children in their care within the previous or current training year. Of the 30 hours, 12 hours must be instructor-led trainings. The training certificates align with the individualized written annual training plan.</i></p> <p><i>N/A allowed if program is undergoing an initial assessment or has all new staff (less than 12 months on the job) at the time of assessment.</i></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
Center- Based Programs Only	<b>P-CQT-01</b>	<p><b>TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS</b>  <i>Not counting the center director, any teaching staff that meets one of the following measures is counted in scoring:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Have a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or a Certified Child Care Professional (CCP) credential</li> <li>B. Have a MACTE-approved Montessori Teaching Credential or completed the Texas School Ready program</li> <li>C. Have successfully completed 12 college credit hours in child development, early childhood education, or a related field <b>and</b> 2 years of full-time/4 years of part-time paid experience as a teacher working with children in a licensed or registered child care facility</li> <li>D. Have 2 years of full-time/4 years of part-time paid experience working with children as a teacher in a licensed or registered child care facility while presently working toward a CDA, MACTE-approved Montessori Teaching Credential, or a CCP credential</li> <li>E. Have successfully completed 150 training clock hours within the last 5 years in child development, early childhood education, or a related field <b>and</b> 2 years of full-time/4 years of part-time paid experience as a teacher working with children in a licensed or registered child care facility</li> <li>F. Have a Bachelor's or Associate's degree in child development or a related field <b>or</b> a degree in non-related field in combination with a current state teaching credential</li> <li>G. Have 10 years of full-time paid experience as a teacher in a Texas Rising Star-certified program or TWC-recognized nationally accredited center</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scoring: # of teachers who meet one of the qualifications, divided by total number of teachers, x 100 = % of staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>0</b>=Program meets less than 30% of staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>1</b>= Program meets 30% of staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b>= Program meets more than 50% but less than 75% of staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>3</b>= Program meets 75% or more of staff</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>

Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
All Facility Types	<b>P-CQT-04</b>	<p><b>STAFF WORKFORCE REGISTRY</b>  <i>Staff, not including the staff who holds the required center director account, participate in the Texas Workforce Registry. Participation includes having current education and training hours logged within the account. Administrative staff includes the assistant director, office staff, and curriculum support staff or anyone whose primary role (more than 50%) is supporting the daily office operations.</i></p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 = Only the required center director account is created.  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = All administrative accounts are created and utilized.  <input type="checkbox"/> 2 = All administrative accounts and at least 25% of total staff accounts are created and utilized.  <input type="checkbox"/> 3 = All administrative accounts and more than 50% of total staff accounts are created and utilized. </p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>
		<div>  <b>TECPDS Professional Development Reports</b> </div> <p><i>N/A allowed for homes with no additional teaching staff.</i></p>	



# CATEGORY 3

## Program Administration



Family Education

Family Involvement


Program Management

**FAMILY EDUCATION**

## Family Education

Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
All Facility Types	<b>S-FE-01</b>	<p><i>Parents are provided with <b>written policies and procedures</b> that are reviewed annually and updated as necessary, that include the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program philosophy and goal</li> <li>• Curriculum goals</li> <li>• Drop-off and pickup procedures</li> <li>• Parent conferences</li> <li>• Fee structure</li> <li>• Late payments and refund information</li> <li>• Absences</li> <li>• Screen time policies</li> <li>• Procedure to allow parents to update contact information at all times without staff assistance</li> <li>• Challenging behaviors (ongoing collaboration with parents to express concerns and discuss strategies)</li> <li>• Use of developmental milestone checklists and early intervention support options (<i>N/A for School-Age only, to include Single Skill After School and Non-traditional Care Only programs</i>)</li> </ul> <p> <b>Parent Handbook</b></p> <p><u><b>NOTES</b></u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET
Center-Based and Home-Based Programs Only	<b>S-FE-02</b>	<p><i><b>DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONE CHECKLISTS</b></i></p> <p>The program uses developmental milestone checklists annually (at minimum) to support identifying developmental delays for children ages 0-5 years, makes referrals when necessary, and shares those completed checklists with families. Programs using more comprehensive child progress monitoring tools or checklists can be considered as met.</p> <p> <b>Developmental Milestone Checklist</b></p> <p><u><b>NOTES</b></u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET

**FAMILY EDUCATION**


Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
All Facility Types (except School-Age only program)	<b>P-FE-01</b>	<p><i>The program conducts an orientation with the family at enrollment. A signed and dated copy of the content of the orientation is kept in the child's file. The orientation includes the following offerings:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A tour of the facility</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An introduction to the teaching staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A parent visit with the classroom teacher</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An overview of the parent handbook</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The policy for arrival and late arrival</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An opportunity for an extended visit in the classroom by both parent and child for a period of time to allow both to be comfortable</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An explanation of Texas Rising Star quality certification</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A statement encouraging parents to inform the facility of any elements related to their CCS enrollment that the program may be able to help with</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An overview of family support resources and activities in the community</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Information on child development and developmental milestones</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A statement informing parents of the significance of consistent arrival time, including the points that children should arrive before the educational portion of the program begins, to limit disruption, and that consistent routines prepare children for the transition to kindergarten</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A statement to parents regarding limiting technology use on-site (e.g., encouraging them to refrain from cell phone use). In order to facilitate better communication between the parents and the teacher and the parents and the child, it is best if parents are not distracted by use of electronic devices while at the center/home</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A statement to parents reflecting the role and influence of families</li> </ul> <p> <b>Parent Orientation</b></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<p>_____ out of 13 items present in orientation.</p> <p><b>Score:</b> _____</p> <p><b>0</b>=Fewer than 50% (0–6 met) of the elements are included in the orientation</p> <p><b>1</b>= 50% (at least 7 met) of the elements are included in the orientation</p> <p><b>2</b>= 65% (at least 9 met) of the elements are included in the orientation</p> <p><b>3</b>= 85% (at least 11 met) of the elements are included in the orientation</p>

## FAMILY EDUCATION

Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
		<p><i>The program provides families with opportunities to better understand the child's growth and development.</i></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<p>Score: _____</p> <p><b>0=</b> Not met</p> <p><b>1=</b> Posting of parent resources within the community</p> <p><b>2=</b> Score of 1, plus: Written communication such as articles, handouts, and newsletters are given out to parents a minimum of 4 times a year = quarterly. Parents are referred to other professionals and local community resources when needed.</p> <p><b>3=</b> Score of 2, plus: A resource area with parent education materials is available. Parent education opportunities are documented and offered at least annually and could be offered during program events such as holiday programs and open houses.</p>
All Facility Types	<b>P-FE-02</b>		

**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

## Family Involvement

Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
All Facility Types	<b>S-FI-03</b>	<p><i>The director and teachers should be able to provide evidence that they are working together with the parents about decisions regarding the child's experience, which may include written reports for children and a parent communication log.</i></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET
All Facility Types	<b>S-FI-04</b>	<p><i>Information about community resources is available to the parent/family.</i></p> <p>  <b>Community Resources</b> </p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET

Category 3: Program Administration

## FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Type	Standard	Measure	Score of 0	Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3
All Facility Types	P-FI-01	<p><i>Parents have structured opportunities to provide input that may influence the program.</i></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No opportunities are provided.	<input type="checkbox"/> Director seeks out parent suggestions either verbally or in writing and can provide evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/> The center/home has an ongoing process to receive and review suggestions and recommendations from the parents.	<input type="checkbox"/> Parents are offered an annual written evaluation and/or survey. Suggestions and evaluation results are integrated into the program operation when applicable.
Center-Based and Home-Based Programs Only	P-FI-02	<p><i>Parent/teacher conferences are held. Conferences can be held in person or by phone.</i></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No opportunities are provided.	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/teacher conferences are available upon parent request.	<input type="checkbox"/> A scheduled conference is offered to parents to exchange information about their child a minimum of <b>1</b> time per year. Documentation of the conference is dated and signed by the parent and teacher, and a copy is kept in the child's file.	<input type="checkbox"/> A scheduled conference is offered to parents to exchange information about their child a minimum of <b>2</b> times a year. Documentation of each conference is made, dated, and signed by the parent and teacher, and a copy is kept in the child's file. A system is in place to share information with parents on an ongoing basis.
All Facility Types	P-FI-03	<p><i>Families are invited to participate in program-related activities.</i></p> <p><b><u>NOTES</u></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No opportunities are provided.	<input type="checkbox"/> Families are invited to and encouraged to attend 1 event annually.	<input type="checkbox"/> Families are invited to and encouraged to attend 2 events annually.	<input type="checkbox"/> Families are invited to and encouraged to attend 3 or more events annually.

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT****Program Management**

Type	Standard	Measure	Scoring
All Facility Types	<b>S-PM-01</b>	<i>Program supports families and children who may need additional accommodations, to include home language, special needs/differing abilities, and/or cultural backgrounds.</i>  <b><u>NOTES</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET

Type	Standard	Measure	Score of 0	Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3
All Facility Types	<b>P-PM-01</b>	<i>Program offers staff formal compensatory supports to encourage staff retention</i>  <b><u>NOTES</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No additional supports are offered.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 additional support is offered.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 additional supports are offered.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more additional supports are offered.

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**

Type	Standard	Measure	Score of 0	Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3
All Facility Types	<b>P-PM-02</b>	<b><i>HEALTH AND NUTRITION PRACTICES</i></b>  <i>Program demonstrates health and nutrition policies for children and parents that are structured to ensure the program supports whole child development</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Program has no evidence to support planning for the nutritional and health needs of the children they serve.	<input type="checkbox"/> Program has minimal evidence (1–2 items) to support planning for the nutritional and health needs of the children they serve.	<input type="checkbox"/> Program has moderate evidence (3–4 items) to support planning for the nutritional and health needs of the children they serve.	<input type="checkbox"/> Program consults with a professional at least annually regarding providing children with nutritional and health activities that support whole child development or has consistent evidence (5 or more items) to support planning for the nutritional and health needs of the children they serve.
		<u><b>NOTES</b></u>				
Center-Based, Home-Based, and School-age only Programs	<b>P-PM-03</b>	<i>Program uses a developmentally appropriate curriculum that aligns with early learning guidelines/standards</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0–25% of age groups use curriculum when planning.	<input type="checkbox"/> 26–50% of age groups use curriculum when planning.	<input type="checkbox"/> 51–75% of age groups use curriculum when planning.	<input type="checkbox"/> 76–100% of age groups use curriculum when planning.
		<u><b>NOTES</b></u>				
Center-Based, Home-Based, and School-age only Programs	<b>P-PM-04</b>	<i>Program provides support to teachers for curriculum planning and/or child progress monitoring</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No evidence of additional supports.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 support is provided consistently.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2–3 supports are provided consistently.	<input type="checkbox"/> At least 4 supports are provided consistently.
		<u><b>NOTES</b></u>				



# **CHECKLIST: DOCUMENTS FOR REQUIRED MEASURES**

Please make documentation available for review prior to (via upload within Engage) or on-site for each of the following items:

## **CATEGORY 1—DIRECTOR AND STAFF QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING**

### **All Facilities**

- ☐ Staff Orientation (S-COTQ-01)
- ☐ Annual Staff Training Plans with Certificates (S-DQT-04 and -06; S-COTQ-01 through -03)

## **CATEGORY 3—PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

### **All Facilities**

- ☐ Written Policies and Procedures for Family Education (S-FE-01)
- ☐ Developmental Milestone Checklists for each age group served (0-5 years) (S-FE-02)
- ☐ Program and family communication (S-FI-03)
- ☐ Community Resources (S-FI-04)
- ☐ Written Policy/Process for Accommodating Families and Children (S-PM-01)

# CHECKLIST: DOCUMENTS FOR POINTS-BASED MEASURES

The items listed are suggested documentation that could be provided to support review and scoring, as applicable for each staff member or facility. Please make documentation available for review prior to (via upload within Engage) or on-site for each of the following items you would like to have contribute to the scoring of points-based measures:

## CATEGORY 1—DIRECTOR AND STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

### All Facilities: Director Formal Education and Training Worksheet

- ☐ Diploma for Highest Education Attained
- ☐ Early Childhood Credentials
- ☐ College Coursework Transcripts
- ☐ Certificates for Clock Hours
- ☐ Work Experience—Resume

### All Facilities: Staff Education and Training Worksheet

- ☐ Diploma for Highest Education Attained
- ☐ Early Childhood Credentials
- ☐ College Coursework Transcripts
- ☐ Certificates for Clock Hours
- ☐ Work Experience—Resume
- ☐ Evidence of Working toward a CDA or an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree

## CATEGORY 3—PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

### All Facilities

- ☐ Parent Orientation (P-FE-01)
- ☐ Child Development Resources (P-FE-02)
- ☐ Family Input (P-FI-01)
- ☐ Conferences (P-FI-02)
- ☐ Family Events (P-FI-03)
- ☐ Employee Handbook (P-PM-01 through P-PM-04)
- ☐ Curriculum and Child Progress Monitoring Practices and Supports (P-PM-03 and P-PM-04)

## **Texas Rising Star Program Staff Education Worksheet**

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# Texas Rising Star Program Staff Education Worksheet

## KEY EXAMPLES/DEFINITIONS FOR COLUMNS ON STAFF EDUCATION SHEET

### Highest Level of Education

- ☐ Associate's degree
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's degree

### Working toward Higher Education

- ☐ Currently enrolled in CDA program
- ☐ Currently enrolled in associate's, bachelor's or master's degree plan

### Number of training hours last year

When assessing clock hours, use the hire date and calculate the total for the calendar year prior to the current calendar year. Staff who are currently enrolled in related fields of college coursework can have those completed hours applied to their annual training hours earned within the applicable training year.

### Director Experience

The following types of experience may be counted as experience in a licensed child care center:

- (1) Experience as a director or assistant director or as a teacher working directly with children, obtained in any CCL licensed child care center, whether paid or unpaid
- (2) Experience as a director, assistant director, or teacher working directly with children, whether paid or unpaid, in a licensed child care facility, registered child care home, kindergarten, or nursery school, in schools for grades kindergarten and above, in a drop-in care center, or in a CCL alternatively accredited program
- (3) Experience as a director, assistant director, or teacher working directly with children in a licensed or certified child care center in another state or country

*Reference: HHSC Child Care Licensing Minimum Standard §746.1021*

The following types of experience may be counted as experience in a licensed or registered child care home:

- (1) Experience as a primary teacher or assistant teacher working directly with children, whether paid or unpaid, in a CCL licensed or registered child care home;
- (2) Experience as a director, assistant director, or teacher working directly with children, whether paid or unpaid, in a CCL licensed group day care home; or
- (3) Experience as a primary teacher of a CCL registered family home.

*Reference: HHSC Child Care Licensing Minimum Standard §747.1113*

The following types of experience may be counted as experience in a school-age only program:

- (1) Experience as a director, assistant director, or caregiver working directly with children, obtained in any CCL regulated operation, whether paid or unpaid;
- (2) Experience as a director, assistant director, or caregiver working directly with children in a licensed or certified operation in another state or country;

*Reference: HHSC Child Care Licensing Minimum Standard §744.1021*

### Full-Time

Work experience is reviewed in a full-time capacity or its equivalent in a part-time capacity. Full-time is defined as 30 hours or more per week, or as determined by the program.

### Teaching Staff

A person who is counted in the child to caregiver ratio, whose duties include the supervision, guidance, and protection of a child. A caregiver is usually an employee, but may also be a substitute, volunteer, or contractor if their duties include the supervision, guidance, and protection of a child.

*Reference: HHSC Child Care Licensing Minimum Standard §746.123(10)*

### Early Childhood Credentials

- ☐ Valid Child Development Associate (CDA) credential
- ☐ Valid child care administrator's credential
- ☐ Valid Child Care Professional (CCP) credential
- ☐ Valid MACTE-approved teaching credential

### College Coursework

- ☐ Number of hours in early childhood education or related coursework
- ☐ Number of hours in business management

# Texas Rising Star Program Staff Education Worksheet

## Related Fields of Coursework:

Related field coursework areas include early childhood education, child or youth growth and development, psychology, sociology, classroom management, child psychology, health and safety of children, and elementary or special education related to pre-kindergarten through third grade. *Reference: HHSC Child Care Licensing Minimum Standard §746.1027*

## Management Coursework:

Management coursework areas include administration of a child care facility, recreational leadership, accounting, goal and objective setting, performance planning and evaluation, management techniques, risk management, and other administrative, management, or supervisory-related courses. Courses in office machines or computer training are not recognized as management. *Reference: Child Care Licensing Minimum Standard §746.1029*

## Related Field of Degree:

Related fields of degrees include early childhood education, child or youth growth and development, child psychology, elementary or special education related to pre-kindergarten through third grade, family child and school social work, speech pathology, and child and family studies.

If a staff member has an associate's or bachelor's degree in another field **and** has a certified State Teaching Credential (that encompasses grades Pre-K through Third Grade), it can be counted as a degree in a related field.

## Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) Approved Credentials:

[MACTE](#) is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and is the international standard setting and accrediting body for Montessori educator preparation. The following is a list of the MACTE-recognized organizations:

- American Montessori Society (AMS)
- Association Montessori International (AMI)
- Association Montessori International – USA (AMI-USA)
- Christian Montessori Fellowship (CMF)
- Independents Not in A Consortium (IND)
- International Association for Progressive Montessori (IAPM)
- International Montessori Council (IMC)
- Montessori Australia (MA)
- Montessori Educational Programs International (MEPI)
- Montessori Institute of America (MIA)
- Pan American Montessori Society (PAMS)

Montessori teaching credentials that can be considered for scoring must be within the appropriate age levels of early childhood (0-8 years). Therefore, the following age levels would be applicable:

- I&T: Infant and Toddler (birth through age 3)
- EC: Early Childhood (ages 2 1/2 through 6)
- EL I: Elementary I (ages 6 through 9)
- EL I-II: Elementary I-II (ages 6 through 12)