## 10A NCAC 09 .0710 PRESERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR LEAD TEACHERS AND TEACHERS

- (a) If an individual already has a North Carolina Early Childhood Credential or its equivalent, none of the requirements of this Rule shall apply. If an individual does not have a North Carolina Early Childhood Credential or its equivalent, the requirements of this Rule shall be met.
- (b) A lead teacher or a teacher shall be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or its equivalent, and have one of the following:
  - (1) One year of child care experience working in a child care center or two years of verifiable experience as a licensed family child care home operator; or
  - (2) Completion of a two year high school program of Early Childhood Education in Family and Consumer Sciences Education; or
  - (3) Twenty hours of training in child development, which shall include the North Carolina Early Childhood Credential coursework, within the first six months of employment in addition to the number of on-going training hours required in Rule .1103 of this Chapter.
- (c) Individuals employed prior to July 1, 1998 are exempted from the requirements of this Rule, as long as they remain employed by the same operator.

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