

CERTIFIED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER LEVELS

CERTIFIED TAP

EDUCATION:

AA in Early Childhood Education with at least 21 hours of ECE

OR

Bachelor or higher **degree** in major other than Early Childhood Education/Child Development with at least ***12 hours** of ****core ECE** coursework

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of two years of professional experience with young children in an early childhood education setting

RECOMMENDATION:

Two letters attesting to technical assistance skills and experience

TAP CANDIDATE

GENERALIST ONE (G1)

APPLICANT WHO MEETS EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT BUT DOES NOT FULLY MEET

EDUCATION:

Bachelor or higher **degree** with ***six hours** of ****ECE** coursework –has **2 years** to complete ***six additional** hours of ECE ****core** coursework +

APPLICANT WHO MEETS EDUCATION REQUIREMENT BUT DOES NOT FULLY MEET

EXPERIENCE:

Must work under the **guidance** of Certified G1,G2,G3 TAP for a period of up to **one year** and be recommended by the TAP mentor.

+Alternative equivalency training may be considered for six hours of education.(See Addendum C)

*Courses must be three semester hours or four quarter hours **Early Childhood Education** classes taken for academic credit at a two year/four year college or university accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting body as approved by the US Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.

** Core Early Childhood Education courses are those that meet core knowledge content areas of child growth and development, curriculum, curriculum activities and materials, health and safety practices, child guidance, observation and assessment, and program administration and supervision.

CERTIFIED TAP

TAP CANDIDATE

GENERALIST TWO (G2)

EDUCATION:

Bachelor or higher **degree** in Early Childhood Education/Child Development **or** Degree with other major and at least ***18 hours** of ****core ECE** coursework

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of two years of professional experience with young children in an early childhood education setting

RECOMMENDATION:

Two letters attesting to technical assistance skills and experience

APPLICANT WHO MEETS EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT BUT DOES NOT FULLY MEET EDUCATION:

Bachelor or higher **degree** with ***twelve hours** of **ECE** coursework – has **2 years** to complete ***six additional** hours of **ECE **core** coursework⁺

APPLICANT WHO MEETS EDUCATION REQUIREMENT BUT DOES NOT FULLY MEET EXPERIENCE:

Must work under the **guidance** of Certified G1,G2,G3 TAP for a period of up to **one year** and be recommended by the TAP mentor.

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CERTIFIED TAP

Generalist II (G2) for two years

Completed 10 total hours of training comprised of hours from each of the competency domains

Completed an approved 5 day training for providing collaborative technical assistance

GENERALIST THREE (G3)

TAP CANDIDATE

None

SPECIALIST

Education:

Associate, Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate Degree with professional certification in specific discipline

Experience:

Minimum 2 years work experience in that discipline

Recommendation:

Two letters attesting to technical assistance skills and experience

None

TAP MENTOR

- Mentor must have been a Certified TAP(Generalist I, II, or III) for at least one year
- Mentor must attend a training regarding roles and responsibilities of a mentor in the SC TAP System

