



Montana Preschool Teacher Education In-Person Course Application

Application Due Date: Friday, August 26, 2022, by 5 pm

Please mail/fax/drop off this application to: **Family Connections, 202 2nd Avenue South Suite 201, Great Falls, MT 59405, or fax to: (406) 453-8976.**

****Participants must also attach a developmentally appropriate lesson plan for preschool aged children to this application****

Participants must be working with preschool children regularly. Classes begin **Monday, September 26, 2022, 6-10pm– this is an In Person course, with attendance required for 85% of class time.** Participants will be responsible for ordering/purchasing the correct textbook, as well as any other additional materials as assigned. Information will be included in acceptance letters.

Filling out this application does not guarantee acceptance into the course. The course is limited to no more than 15 participants. If you are accepted into this course, you will receive a letter of acceptance and confirmation e-mail with more information on this course and the required text. Applications will be reviewed and scored based on the information shared on the application and lesson plan. Participants working for STARS to Quality facilities will be given priority. If the course is full, a facility may have a limit on the number of participants to be accepted into the course. Applications will not be carried over to future courses and applicants must reapply. If there is enough demand, a waiting list will be created. Those on the waiting list will be prioritized based on date application submitted and application score.

There is no cost for this course at this time; however, if you are accepted into the course and drop out, and choose to take the course at a future date, you will be charged \$150.00.

College credit is available for this course for a fee of \$155 for 4 credits. The instructors will have more information the first night of class if you are interested.

If you have any questions, please call Family Connections at 761-6010.



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Name of Applicant _____ PS # _____

ECP Registry # _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Employer: _____

Name of Facility and Director's Name

Address

Phone Number

Is the facility you work for in the STARS to Quality Program? **YES** **NO**

What level is the facility at? _____

Do you currently teach or work directly with preschool (3-5 years of age) children?

If no, please explain your arrangements to complete the 45 hour lab requirement of working directly with preschool aged children.

What is your current position title? **Owner/Director** **Lead Teacher** **Aide** **Other** _____ (please circle)

How long have you worked with your current employer? _____

Have you completed the Montana New Provider Orientation courses, or equivalent dependent on hire date? **YES** **NO**

Enter Date Completed:

CPR/FA: _____ Infant Safety Essentials: _____

New Staff Health and Safety Orientation: _____

Together We Grow: _____ Early Childhood Essentials: _____

What is your current level on the MT Practitioner Registry? _____

Have you already taken the Infant/Toddler Caregiver Course? **YES** **NO** (completion date: _____)

Have you previously taken the Preschool Course or dropped out of the course? **YES** **NO**

I am taking this course to...

achieve a level 2 or higher on the Practitioner Registry (ELCT status)

become a director in a early care and education program

gain college credit (registration cost required)

achieve 60 hours of training

be in compliance with our programs STAR level

I am able to commit to 60 hours of class time (either in person, through Zoom and online through CCT), 45 hours in a classroom working directly with children, and additional time for homework/assignments.
_____ (initial here)

I understand that I must attend 85% of class time to complete this course. _____ (initial here)

I understand that it is my responsibility to make up any class time missed with assignments assigned by the instructor. _____ (initial here)

I am prepared to invest a minimum of 10-12 hours per week outside of class completing assignments and implementing learning activities in my program _____ (initial here)

I understand that I will be observed in the classroom by the instructor of this course. It is my responsibility to get permission from my director/employer for these observations and a contract must be signed by my director/employer. _____ (initial here)

Would you benefit from additional support to successfully complete the course (examples: closed captioning, translators, peer support)

If YES, please describe:

Do you require special accommodations to successfully complete the course?

If YES, please explain:

I understand that if I am accepted into the course, drop out, and want to retake it in the future; I will be charged \$150. _____ (*initial here*)

I understand that I am responsible for ordering and purchasing the text, plus some additional materials. _____ (*initial here*)

Please describe your experience in Early Childhood Education:

I learn best by (for example, hands-on, visual, etc.):

Please describe any issues or scheduling conflicts that may cause you to not fully participate in the 60 hours of class:

Please describe what motivated you to apply for MT Preschool Teacher Education course:

My philosophy of Early Childhood Education is:

The information shared is correct to the best of my knowledge. Your signature represents your commitment to complete the above requirements to the best of your ability in order to complete this course.

Signed

Date

****Don't forget to include a developmentally appropriate preschool lesson plan as part of your application****



Tentative Course Schedule:

Online Intro Classes: completion required by Friday, September 23, 2022, 5pm

Monday, September 26, 2022, 6-10pm

Monday, October 3, 2022, 6-10pm

Monday, October 17, 2022, 6-10pm

Monday, October 24, 2022, 6-10 pm

Monday, November 11, 2022, 6-10pm

Monday, November 22, 2022, 6-10pm

Monday, November 28, 2022, 6-10pm

Monday, December 5, 2022, 6-10pm