

(Attachment A)

**EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE
PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTOR**

A. Group Leader

1. A group leader assigned responsibility for a single group of children and working under the supervision of a director must be at least 18 years of age and must meet at least one of the following qualifications:
 - a. A Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Effective May 1, 2010, Bachelor's degrees must be in one of the following areas:
 1. Early Childhood Education;
 2. Elementary Education;
 3. Special Education;
 4. Family and Child Development; or
 5. Child Psychology.
 - b. A 2-year college degree in child development or early childhood education from a regionally accredited college or university.
 - c. Current certification as a Child Development Associate (CDA) or Certified Child Care Professional (CCP) or other department-approved credential.
 - d. Completion of two (2) years of college education, sixty (60) semester hours, from a regionally accredited college or university with at least one (1) college course in child development, plus six (6) months (910 hours) of verified experience in the care and supervision of four (4) or more children under six (6) years of age who are not related to the individual.
 - e. Twelve (12) semester hours in college-level credits from a regionally accredited college or university in the area of child growth and development and/or early childhood education, plus nine (9) months (1,395 hours) of verified experience in the care and supervision of four (4) or more children under six (6) years of age who are not related to the individual.
 - f. Completion of a course of training approved by the department that includes training and work experience with children.
 - g. Completion of a vocational or occupational education sequence in child growth and development plus twelve (12) months (1,820 hours) of verified experience in the care and supervision of four

(4) or more children under six (6) years of age who are not related to the individual.

- h. Thirty-six months (5,460 hours) of verified experience in the care and supervision of four (4) or more children under six (6) years of age who are not related to the individual. This option to be group leader qualified will not be available after May, 1, 2010.
- i. Twenty-four (24) months (3,640 hours) of verified experience in the care and supervision of four (4) or more children under six (6) years of age who are not related to the individual plus either:
 - 1. A current Colorado Level 1 credential: or,
 - 2. Two (2) three-credit college courses from a regionally accredited college or university with one course being introduction to early childhood education.