

1.0 Objectives

- 1.1 Training requirements ensure that staff employed by a licensed child care facility have a competent level of knowledge and skill to care for children and implement a developmentally appropriate program.
- 1.2 Level 1 Classification recognizes an individual's partial training and experience as preparation to work directly with children and to be counted among the 2/3 of staff working in a licensed facility who must have a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 classification.
- 1.3 Requirements for Level 1 Classification ensure that the content of course work and work experience prepare staff to assume responsibilities for the day-to-day operations in licensed child care facilities.

2.0 Scope

- 2.1 These standards apply to all persons seeking Level 1 Classification.

Standards

3.0 Orientation

- 3.1 Applicants for Level 1 Classification are required to complete the Orientation for Staff Working in Licensed Child Care Facilities.

4.0 Training Requirements

- 4.1 Level 1 Classification course work and the guided workplace experience is completed through a recognized post-secondary institution offering training leading to Level 1 Classification.
- 4.2 Applicants for Level 1 Classification provide proof of completion of course work inclusive of three courses in the following subject areas:
 - (a) Child Development
 - genetic and environmental factors which influence child growth & development
 - physical, cognitive, language, social-emotional development
 - infants, toddlers, preschools & school age to 12 years of age
 - practical application of theories

(b) Behaviour Guidance

- child care practices & children's behaviour
- developmentally appropriate guidance strategies
 - prevention and intervention techniques
 - behaviour guidance policy

(c) Curriculum and Programming for Young Children

- importance of learning through play
- developmentally appropriate experiences
- curriculum models and approaches
- indoor and outdoor learning environments
- types of play & learning inclusive of: art, music, science, math, literacy

4.3 Applicants for Level 1 Classification are required to provide proof of completion of a guided workplace experience providing opportunities to link course work with practice.

4.4 Applicants for Level 1 Classification complete the Application for Classification.

4.5 Applicants provide the following documentation with the Application for Classification:

- (a) Orientation for Staff Working in Licensed Child Care Facilities completion certificate;
- (b) Transcript from a recognized training institution to identify successful completion of course work; and
- (c) Letter from a recognized training institution to identify successful completion of a guided workplace experience.