

OHIO EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL GUIDANCE

The following establishes minimum standards to obtain an Ohio ECMH Professional Credential:

1. A single ECMH Professional Credential for ECMH Consultants and ECMH Therapists
2. Everyone applying for an ECMH Credential will need to complete a personal profile on the Ohio Professional Development Registry. If already completed, you would not have to reenter for the credential. You will need your OPIN number.
3. Length of Service
 - a. A person must have worked in ECMH a minimum of two years at the time of application to be eligible for a credential; and
 - b. Must be employed by an ODMHAS certified mental health agency currently or within the past two years; and
 - c. Must be working with children birth to age six and their families currently or within past three years; **OR**
 - d. Must be supervising persons working with children birth to age six and their families currently or within past three years
4. Education –minimum requirements
 - a. Minimum of bachelor’s degree from a Regional Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) accredited college, Master’s Degree preferred; and
 - b. Must have major field of study related to early childhood (see related field degree list)
 - c. Verify highest degree related to Early Childhood
5. Related Field Degree List
 - Child and Family Studies
 - Child Development
 - Education
 - Early Childhood
 - Pre-K
 - Elementary Education
 - Special Education
 - Nursing
 - Medicine
 - Psychology/ Counseling
 - Social Work
 - ECMH Certificate from Cleveland State University
6. License – Current Professional License in at least one of the following is required. Verification of current license status may be used in lieu of submission of transcripts for education verification.
 - LSW
 - LISW

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- LPC
 - LPCC
 - Psychologist
 - Marriage and Family Therapist
 - Nursing
 - MD/DO
 - Other Professional License – documentation must be submitted for approval
 - Graduate degrees in fields that do not lead to licensure may be appealed.
7. Training
- a. Must have attended Basic training in the following:
 - i. ECMH Consultation Model Training sponsored by ODMH between January 2012 to present
 - ii. DECA –Two day DECA Program Implementation Training by an ODMHAS Deveraux Trainer or Devereux Certified Trainer
 - b. Must have attended minimum of 15 hours of training and/or coursework focused on early childhood (birth to age six) in two or more of the ECMH Core Competency Domains within 2 years of date of application
 - ECMH Core Competencies Domains
 - i. Social-Emotional Growth & Development
 - ii. Family & Community Relations
 - iii. Assessment
 - iv. Interventions
 - v. Cultural and Linguistic Competency
8. ECMH Core Competencies Skills Inventory - Self-Assessment
- a. Must complete initial self-assessment and submit self-assessment summary page
 - b. Information submitted will be used for data collection
9. Renewal every two years
- a. Must have attended minimum of 15 hours of training and/or coursework focused on early childhood (birth to age six) in two or more of the ECMH Core Competency Domains within the renewal period
 - ECMH Core Competencies Domains
 - i. Social-Emotional Growth & Development
 - ii. Family & Community Relations
 - iii. Assessment
 - iv. Interventions
 - v. Cultural and Linguistic Competency
 - b. Update ECMH Skills Inventory and submit copy of the summary page with your application

Anyone not meeting these requirements but believes they possess the qualifications to have an ECMH Credential may appeal and present evidence to dispute the denial.