

Ohio Early Childhood Mental Health Professional Credential

Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Professional is responsible for completing his or her own Ohio Professional Registry profile. The profile must be completed and documents for verification uploaded in the profile.

ECMH Professional Credential applicants must meet the following:

1. 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
2. Education –minimum requirements
 - a. Bachelor's degree from a Regional Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) accredited college, Master's Degree preferred; and
 - b. Major field of study related to early childhood (see related field degree list below)
 - c. Verified highest degree related to Early Childhood
3. Training
 - a. Basic training in the following:
 - i. ECMH Consultation Model Training sponsored by ODMHAS between January 2012 to present
 - ii. DECA – Two day DECA Program Implementation Training by an ODMHAS Devereaux Trainer or Certified Devereaux Trainer
 - b. 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 two years of date of application. Domains identified by ECMH Professionals at time of submission.
 - ECMH Core Competencies Domains
 - i. Social-Emotional Growth & Development
 - ii. Family & Community Relations
 - iii. Assessment
 - iv. Interventions
 - v. Cultural and Linguistic Competency
4. Completion of the [ECMH Skills Inventory](#)
5. Completion of a verified [Ohio Professional Registry profile](#)
6. Knowledge and/or experience working with children birth to age six and their families demonstrated through employment records
7. 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 for the licenses a-h:
 - a. LSW
 - b. LISW
 - c. LPC
 - d. LPCC
 - e. Psychologist
 - f. Marriage and Family Therapist
 - g. Nursing
 - h. MD/DO
 - i. Other Professional License – documentation must be submitted for approval

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