

Section D: Ministerial Requirements for Level 1 Classification



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.

3.0 Training Requirements

- 3.1** 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.
- 3.2** Applicants for Level 1 Classification provide proof of completion of course work 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) Behavior Guidance

- ✓ child care practices & children's behavior
- ✓ 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

3.3 Applicants for Level 1 Classification are required to provide proof of completion of 250 hours of supervised guided workplace experience or practicum providing opportunities to link course work with practice.

3.4 Applicants for Level 1 Classification complete the *Application for Classification*.

3.5 Applicants provide the following documentation with the *Application for Classification*.

- (a)** Transcript from a recognized training institution to identify successful completion of course work; and
- (b)** Letter from a recognized training institution to identify successful completion of 250 hours of supervised guided workplace experience or practicum, unless the hours are clearly indicated in the transcript.