

§746.1015. What qualifications must the director of my child-care center licensed for 13 or more children meet?

*Subchapter D, Personnel
Division 1, Child-Care Center Director
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Except as otherwise provided in this division, the director of a child-care center licensed for 13 or more children must be at least 21 years of age, have a high school diploma or its equivalent, and meet one of the following combinations of education and experience, as defined in §746.1021 of this title (relating to What constitutes experience in a licensed child-care center, or in a licensed or registered child-care home?):

Education	Experience
(1) A bachelor's degree with 12 college credit hours in child development and six college credit hours in management,	and at least one year of experience in a licensed child-care center;
(2) An associate's of applied science degree in child development or a closely related field with six college credit hours in child development and six college credit hours in management. A "closely related field" is any educational instruction pertaining to the growth, development, physical or mental care, or education of children ages birth through 13 years,	and at least two years of experience in a licensed child-care center;
(3) Sixty college credit hours with nine college credit hours in child development and six college credit hours in management,	and at least two years of experience in a licensed child-care center;
(4) A child-care administrator's certificate from a community college with at least 15 college credit hours in child development and three college credit hours in management,	and at least two years of experience in a licensed child-care center;
(5) A Child Development Associate credential or Certified Child-Care Professional credential with six college credit hours in management,	and at least two years of experience in a licensed child-care center;
(6) A day-care administrator's credential issued by a professional organization or educational institution and approved by Licensing based on criteria specified in Subchapter P of Chapter 745 of this title, (relating to Day-Care Administrator's Credential Program),	and at least two years of experience in a licensed child-care center; or
(7) Nine college credit hours in child development and nine college credit hours in management,	and at least three years of experience in a licensed child-care center.

Helpful Information

- *Knowledge of good business practices, administration, and child development are essential for managing a child-care center. A director has an obligation to be prepared to hire and maintain employees, establish and maintain communication with parents, and ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the children in her care.*
- *Options (5) and (6) of this section require periodic renewal for the director to remain qualified as specified in §746.1053 of this title (relating to Will the director's certificate expire?) and §746.1055 of this title (relating to How often must an expiring certificate be renewed?).*