

# Did you know all Early Educators are now required to be certified?

**This is great news for the early childhood field! Early Educators will now receive the professional recognition they deserve and have a way to illustrate their education.**



**\* Normally \$50, Early Educator Certification (EEC) is currently being offered for FREE through September 2010 and at a reduced rate of \$25 between Oct. 1 & Dec. 31, 2010.**

**The new law:**

On August 2, 2010, a new law was passed affecting all child care facilities licensed by the North Carolina Division of Child Development. The law requires all teaching staff, administrators and family child care home providers working in or operating a licensed child care facility to be certified by the NC Institute for Child Development Professionals.

If you are:	Certification deadline:
Staff hired on or after October 1, 2010	Complete application submitted within 60 days of hire
Staff hired before October 1, 2010	July 1, 2012
Administrators (regardless of hire date)	July 1, 2012
Family child care home provider licensed before October 1, 2010	July 1, 2012
Family child care home provider licensed on or after October 1, 2010	Complete application submitted within 60 days of licensure

"Staff" includes any position counted toward child/staff ratios. To be eligible for free/reduced fee, applicants must work in a licensed child care center or home in a staff position.

*“ I am very proud and grateful to have received the EEC. I could not wait to frame it and share it with my family, friends, and co-workers. I look forward to continuing my education in order to obtain level 11 or higher. Thanks for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of learners, teachers and students in my educational setting. ”*

*– Teacher, Orange County*

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