Training

Candidates for the Maine Infant Toddler Credential 1 must complete the following Maine Roads to Quality Core Knowledge and State Approved Training:

- Caring for Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families (30 hours)
- Supporting Maine’s Infants and Toddlers: Guidelines for Learning and Development (30 hours)
- Introduction to Infant Mental Health: Issues and Practice (18 hours)
- Foundations of Health, Wellness, and Safety (18 hours)
- An additional 24 hours of Core Knowledge or State Approved Training of the candidate’s choice

*Alternative options for meeting the training requirements are available. See the MRTQ website at: muskie.usm.maine.edu/maineroads/pd/itcredentials.htm for full details.
What Is the Maine Infant Toddler Credential 1?

Maine Roads to Quality, in partnership with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services, has developed the Maine Infant Toddler Credential 1 in response to the nationwide movement to recognize and support the professional development needs of infant and toddler caregivers.

Competencies

The Maine Infant Toddler Credential 1 requires applicants to demonstrate their understanding of the following competencies related to the care of infants and toddlers:

- Infant and toddler growth and development
- Health, safety, and nutrition
- Relationships with families
- Observation and assessment
- Curriculum and approaches to learning
- Professionalism

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Requirements

Successful candidates for Maine’s Infant Toddler Credential 1 will meet the following requirements:

- Have a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent (e.g. GED)
- Be a member of the Maine Roads to Quality Registry
- Document 480 hours of work with infants and toddlers over the past five years
- Completion of the required 120 hours of training or equivalent (see back panel)
- Distribute and collect written parent surveys
- Be observed by a member of the Infant Toddler Credential Team
- Submit a complete Infant Toddler Credential 1 Portfolio to Maine Roads to Quality

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