ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: *Critical Competencies*

Certification Overview

ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™

The following table summarizes the ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: *Critical Competencies'* timeframe, criteria, and evidence options by type of certification. Please visit www.zerotothree.org/trainercertification or contact trainercertification@zerotothree.org for additional information.

	Provisional Certification	Certification
Timeframe	Valid for one year	Renewable yearly
Criteria *What are the requirements to become certified?*	✓ Create or confirm your individual profile on ZERO TO THREE's Learning Center and complete the provisional certification application at www.zerotothree.org/learningcenter *(Launching May 1, 2018!)* ✓ Be a current approved early childhood trainer in your home state or country, or meet specified standards as an adult educator ✓ Successfully participate in all five *ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators*™ Training-of-Trainer sessions • Attend each session • Complete each part of the online Reflection Tool, parts 1–3 prior to the designated sessions: part 1 prior to Session 1; part 2 prior to Session 3; part 3 prior to Session 4 • Review materials prior to each session • Pass the course's four knowledge assessments with at least an 80% score prior to Session 5 ✓ Review and agree to uphold the ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer Agreement, and Code of Practice and Ethics Statement	✓ Be a current Certified ZERO TO THREE Trainer: *Critical Competencies* ✓ Complete the ZERO TO THREE full certification application and pay fee of $50 USD on ZERO TO THREE's Learning Center ✓ Be a current approved trainer in your home state or country, or meet specified standards as an adult educator ✓ Successfully deliver all modules in at least one of the *Critical Competencies* areas of (1) Supporting Social-Emotional, (2) Cognitive, or (3) Language and Literacy Development since last certification award date ✓ Participate in at least one ZERO TO THREE *Critical Competencies* refresher training or other ZERO TO THREE trainer support offering (online or in-person) since last certification award date ✓ Participate in at least 5 clock hours of continuing education in the areas of social-emotional, cognitive, or language and literacy development for infants and toddlers; teaching infants and toddlers; or other areas specifically related to the *Critical Competencies* model since last certification award date (total clock hours may include the ZERO TO THREE refresher training or other trainer support events) ✓ Review and agree to continue upholding the ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer Agreement, and Code of Practice and Ethics Statement

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Evidence Options *How can I demonstrate I meet the criteria?*	**Active** ZERO TO THREE Learning Center **profile and completed provisional certification application** The provisional certification application walks candidates through the requirements and options for documentation, which include: □ Evidence proving current approved trainer status in your home state or country, or specified standards as an adult educator: • Copy of an official certificate, designation letter, or other written designation of approved early childhood trainer or adult educator status awarded by your state or country professional development system, higher education institution, or other appropriate governance entity; ***OR*** • Evidence of the following: o A minimum of a bachelor's degree in early childhood or a field relevant to brain development; ***AND*** o At least three years of experience as an adult educator; ***AND*** o Actively participate in professional activities through one of the following options: ▪ Membership in a professional organization related to early childhood, ***OR*** ▪ Participation in community, state, or national initiative related to early childhood, ***OR*** ▪ Evidence of ongoing professional development (e.g., an organized professional learning community), ***OR*** ▪ Participation in at least one state, regional, or national early childhood development related conference; ***AND*** □ Confirmation from ZERO TO THREE documenting successful completion of the Critical Competencies Training-of-Trainers course; ***AND*** □ Review and agree to uphold the ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer Agreement, and Code of Practice and Ethics Statement	**Active** ZERO TO THREE Learning Center **profile, completed certification application and paid certification fee** The certification application walks candidates through the requirements and options for documentation, which include: □ Updates to evidence, if needed, proving current approved trainer status in your home state or country, or that you meet specified standards as an adult educator □ Copy of an approved training event record or other delivery verification by your state or country professional development system, higher education institution, or other appropriate governance entity; ***AND*** □ Documentation of successful delivery of a training event(s) covering all modules in at least one Critical Competencies area through one of the following options: • Letter of recommendation from a peer or mentor trainer, or other formal observer of your Critical Competencies training delivery, dated within the last year; ***OR*** • Critical Competencies training participants' evaluation summary with personal reflection; ***OR*** • Brief video clips compilation of Critical Competencies training delivery with written or video summary self-reflection; OR • Other trainer requested documentation options pre-approved by ZERO TO THREE; ***AND*** □ Training certificates or transcripts documenting at least five clock hours of continuing education in ZERO TO THREE approved areas since last certification date; ***AND*** □ Review and agree to continue upholding the ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer Agreement, and Code of Practice and Ethics Statement

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