

How Do I Qualify?

- If a teacher holds a current or expired Initial or Continuing NC Educator’s License, they may qualify to be a Meck Pre-K Lead Teacher.
- If the teacher does not hold a NC Educator’s License, they are required to have a relevant or related BA/BS degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Relevant Degree	Related Degree
Birth-Kindergarten	Family and Child Studies
Child Development	Human Development and Family Studies
Child and Family Development	Human Growth and Family Studies
Early Childhood Education	
Human Growth and Development	
Psychology	

- If the BA/BS degree is not in a related or relevant field, the teacher is required to have a minimum of 24 semester hours of early childhood education/child development coursework. **These semester hours can only be counted by EESLPD Unit staff.**
- If the cumulative GPA on the BA/BS degree is below the required 2.5, please contact Tamiah Pittman, Intake and Enrollment Specialist, at tamiah.pittman@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-527-6676.

Required Documentation for Enrollment

Teachers who require a NC Lateral Entry Birth-Kindergarten License must submit the following:

- All official degreed and nondegreed transcripts
- Official Plan of Study
- Form V – Verification of Completion of Education (if applicable)
- Form E – Verification of K-12 Educator Experience (optional)

Teachers who hold a NC Educator’s License must submit the following:

- Legible copy of teaching license
- Official Plan of Study for Pre-K/BK Add On (if applicable)
- Form E – Verification of K-12 Educator Experience (optional)

Teachers who hold an Out of State License must submit the following:

- All official degreed and nondegreed transcripts
- Legible copy of teaching license
- Test Scores
- Form V – Verification of Completion of Education (if applicable)
- Form E – Verification of K-12 Educator Experience (optional)

*Please note that each teacher’s educational background differs and additional documentation may be requested.

Plan of Study: College/University

A Plan of Study from a NC College/University is required for teachers seeking the following licenses:

- Lateral Entry BK License
- Provisional BK Add-on
- Provisional Pre-K Add-on

A Plan of Study can be obtained from a NC accredited college or university with a BK Teacher Education Program that leads to licensure. A list of accredited colleges/universities can be accessed at

http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/pdf_forms/NCPre-K_ApprovedBKProgramsNC.pdf

- A Plan of Study from a community college will not be accepted. An official Plan of Study must be signed and dated by the BK Advisor