

## Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education

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| Location                                          | Meets | Does Not Meet<br><i>Individuals located in these states/territories are restricted from enrolling into this program.</i> | Undetermined<br><i>Individuals located in these states/territories are restricted from enrolling into this program.</i> | Licensure Not Required | Information for Applicable Licensing Board                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Alabama                                           | X     |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                         |                        | <a href="https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-care/licensing-overview/">https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-care/licensing-overview/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Alaska                                            | X     |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                         |                        | <a href="http://www.muni.org/departments/health/child-care/pages/default.aspx">http://www.muni.org/departments/health/child-care/pages/default.aspx</a>                                                                                                                                                               |
| American Samoa                                    |       |                                                                                                                          | X                                                                                                                       |                        | <a href="https://www.doe.as/District/Department/6-Early-Childhood-Education">https://www.doe.as/District/Department/6-Early-Childhood-Education</a>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Arizona                                           | X     |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                         |                        | <a href="https://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/childcare-facilities/index.php#rules-regulations">https://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/childcare-facilities/index.php#rules-regulations</a>                                                                                                                                       |
| Arkansas                                          | X     |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                         |                        | <a href="https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/child-care-early-childhood-education/child-care-licensing/">https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/child-care-early-childhood-education/child-care-licensing/</a>                                                         |
| California                                        | X     |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                         |                        | <a href="https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/CCP%20Documents/Child%20Care%20Center%20Provider%20Requirements%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf?ver=2019-05-30-165154-250">https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/CCP%20Documents/Child%20Care%20Center%20Provider%20Requirements%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf?ver=2019-05-30-165154-250</a> |

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| Colorado             | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/oec/OEC_Providers?p=Providers&amp;s=Child-Care-Licensing-and-Administration&amp;lang=">https://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/oec/OEC_Providers?p=Providers&amp;s=Child-Care-Licensing-and-Administration&amp;lang=</a>                                               |
| Connecticut          | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.ctoec.org/licensing/">https://www.ctoec.org/licensing/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Delaware             | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://education.delaware.gov/educators/child-care-licensing-and-careers/educator-credentialing/become_an_educator/educator_requirements_birth_to_grade_2/">https://education.delaware.gov/educators/child-care-licensing-and-careers/educator-credentialing/become_an_educator/educator_requirements_birth_to_grade_2/</a> |
| District of Columbia | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://osse.dc.gov/page/teacher">https://osse.dc.gov/page/teacher</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Florida              | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.floridaearlylearning.com/providers/professional-development/credentials-qualifications">https://www.floridaearlylearning.com/providers/professional-development/credentials-qualifications</a>                                                                                                                   |
| Georgia              | X |  |   |  | <a href="http://www.dec.state.ga.us/Default.aspx">http://www.dec.state.ga.us/Default.aspx</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Guam                 |   |  | X |  | <a href="#">GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (gdoe.net)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Hawaii               | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/child-care-program/child-care-licensing/child-care-regulations/">https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/child-care-program/child-care-licensing/child-care-regulations/</a>                                                                                                           |
| Idaho                | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/child-care-providers/becoming-child-care-provider">https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/child-care-providers/becoming-child-care-provider</a>                                                                                                                           |
| Illinois             | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://oecd.illinois.gov/">https://oecd.illinois.gov/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Indiana              | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/earlylearning/early-learning-guidebook-indiana-schools-revised-6-4-2020.pdf">https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/earlylearning/early-learning-guidebook-indiana-schools-revised-6-4-2020.pdf</a>                                                                           |
| Iowa                 | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://hhs.iowa.gov/licensure-and-registration">https://hhs.iowa.gov/licensure-and-registration</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| Kansas        | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/22782/Chart-of-Staff-Qualification-Options-PDF?bidId=">https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/22782/Chart-of-Staff-Qualification-Options-PDF?bidId=</a> |
| Kentucky      | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/default.aspx</a>                                                                           |
| Louisiana     | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://www.louisianabelieves.com/early-childhood">https://www.louisianabelieves.com/early-childhood</a>                                                                                                 |
| Maine         | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/programs-services/inspections-licensing">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/programs-services/inspections-licensing</a>                                                               |
| Maryland      | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/">https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/</a>                                                                                                 |
| Massachusetts | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-early-education-and-care">https://www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-early-education-and-care</a>                                                                 |
| Michigan      | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/cclb">https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/cclb</a>                                                                                                       |
| Minnesota     | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/licensing/child-care-and-early-education/">https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/licensing/child-care-and-early-education/</a>                             |
| Mississippi   | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,19112,183,776.html">https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,19112,183,776.html</a>                                                                                                       |
| Missouri      |   | X |  |  | <a href="http://www.moaccreditation.org/">http://www.moaccreditation.org/</a>                                                                                                                                     |
| Montana       | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/childcarelicensing/index">https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/childcarelicensing/index</a>                                                                         |
| Nebraska      | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/career-development/">https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/career-development/</a>                                                                                           |
| Nevada        | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/ChildCare/Child_Care_Licensing_-_Home/">https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/ChildCare/Child_Care_Licensing_-_Home/</a>                                                                       |
| New Hampshire | X |   |  |  | <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-</a>                                                                                                                                 |

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|                          |   |  |   |  | <a href="#">services/childcare-parenting-childbirth/child-care-licensing</a>                                                                                          |
| New Jersey               | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/ol/">https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/ol/</a>                                                                   |
| New Mexico               | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.nmeccd.org/early-childhood-professionals/">https://www.nmeccd.org/early-childhood-professionals/</a>                                             |
| New York                 | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/">https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/</a>                                                                         |
| North Carolina           | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Services/Licensing/Licensing-Requirements">https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Services/Licensing/Licensing-Requirements</a>       |
| North Dakota             | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.hhs.nd.gov/">https://www.hhs.nd.gov/</a>                                                                                                         |
| Northern Mariana Islands |   |  | X |  | <a href="https://www.cnmicclp.gov.mp/providers/licensing-and-monitoring-process/">https://www.cnmicclp.gov.mp/providers/licensing-and-monitoring-process/</a>         |
| Ohio                     | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://ifs.ohio.gov/cdc/providers.stm">https://ifs.ohio.gov/cdc/providers.stm</a>                                                                           |
| Oklahoma                 | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.cecpcd.org/en/resources/licensing-requirements/">https://www.cecpcd.org/en/resources/licensing-requirements/</a>                                 |
| Oregon                   | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://oregonearlylearning.com/childcare-rules/">https://oregonearlylearning.com/childcare-rules/</a>                                                       |
| Pennsylvania             | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Child-Care/Pages/Child-Care-Licensing.aspx">https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Child-Care/Pages/Child-Care-Licensing.aspx</a> |
| Puerto Rico              |   |  | X |  | <a href="#">Departamento de Educación (pr.gov)</a>                                                                                                                    |
| Rhode Island             | X |  |   |  | <a href="https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/child-care/child-care-providers">https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/child-care/child-care-providers</a>       |

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| South Carolina    |   | X |   |  | <a href="https://www.scchildcare.org/providers/become-licensed/licensing-requirements/educational-and-experience-requirements.aspx">https://www.scchildcare.org/providers/become-licensed/licensing-requirements/educational-and-experience-requirements.aspx</a> |
| South Dakota      | X |   |   |  | <a href="https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/licensing/">https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/licensing/</a>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Tennessee         | X |   |   |  | <a href="https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/for-families/child-care-services/child-care-rules-and-regulations">https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/for-families/child-care-services/child-care-rules-and-regulations</a>                                               |
| Texas             | X |   |   |  | <a href="https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_care/">https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_care/</a>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| US Virgin Islands |   |   | X |  | <a href="https://doh.vi.gov/programs/infant-and-toddlers-program">https://doh.vi.gov/programs/infant-and-toddlers-program</a>                                                                                                                                     |
| Utah              | X |   |   |  | <a href="https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/">https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/</a>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Vermont           | X |   |   |  | <a href="https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/providers">https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/providers</a>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Virginia          | X |   |   |  | <a href="https://www.childcare.virginia.gov/">https://www.childcare.virginia.gov/</a>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Washington        | X |   |   |  | <a href="https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/licensed-provider">https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/licensed-provider</a>                                                                                             |
| West Virginia     | X |   |   |  | <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/ece/Pages/default.aspx">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/ece/Pages/default.aspx</a>                                                                                                                                                       |

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| Wisconsin | X |  |  |  | <a href="https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing">https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing</a>         |
| Wyoming   | X |  |  |  | <a href="https://dfs.wyo.gov/providers/child-care/">https://dfs.wyo.gov/providers/child-care/</a> |