b) Qualifications of Teacher/Lead Teachers for Centers Serving Children from Birth to 35 Months

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| **Criteria:** Shall have an undergraduate degree in one of the following:  
- Early Childhood Education  
- Child Development  
- Social Work  
- Nursing  
- Or other child-related field. |
| **Criteria:** Shall have a valid certificate in pediatric first aid, including management of a blocked airway, and rescue breathing. |
| **Criteria:** Shall have a combination of coursework and experience, including:  
- A minimum of four college level courses in early childhood education and early child development  
- And a minimum of one year of experience working in a child care program serving children 0-3 years. |
| **Criteria:** Shall have:  
- At least 30 clock hours per year of job-related continuing education in the first year of employment  
- And 24 clock hours per year of job-related continuing education based on individual competency needs each year thereafter. |

Every Center, regardless of setting, shall have at least one licensed/certified/credentialed lead teacher (or mentor teacher).

All teachers responsible for a group are licensed/certified/credentialed/qualified as lead teachers or teachers with educational and supervisory experience related to the care and development of infants and toddlers.