

**10A NCAC 09 .2827      ENHANCED EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR OPERATORS FOR A RATED  
LICENSE FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

(a) This Rule shall apply to evaluating the operator of family child care homes.

(b) To achieve two through seven points for education standards, the operator shall meet the applicable requirements in the following chart:

| FCCH Operator (.2827) Point Level | Degree  | NC Family Child Care Credential or its equivalent | Certification on the NC Early Care and Education Professional Scale | Semester Hours  | Verifiable Early Childhood Work Experience | Additional Clock Hours of On-going Training |
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| 2 Points                          |   |   |   | 4 hours in early childhood education or child development; or   | 5 years; and                               | 8 annually.                                 |
| 3 Points                          |   | √;<br>or  | Level I or higher.  |   |  |   |
| 4 Points                          |   |   | Level II or higher; or  |   |  |   |
|                                   |   | √;<br>or  | Level I or higher; and  | 6 hours in early childhood education or child development.  |  |   |
| 5 Points                          |   |   | Level IV or higher; and   |   | 1 year; or                                 |   |
|                                   |   | √;<br>or  | Level I or higher; and  | 12 hours in early childhood education or child development and either 2 of the 12 hours shall include child care administration; or | 1 year.                                    |   |
| 6 Points                          |   |   | Level VI or higher; and   |   | 1 year; or                                 |   |
|                                   |   | √;<br>or  | Level I or higher; and  | 18 hours in early childhood education or child development and either 5 of the 18 hours shall include child care administration; or | 2 years.                                   |   |
| 7 Points                          | A.A.S. in any major; and                      |   |   | A minimum of 12 hours in early childhood education or child development; and  | 2 years; or                                |   |
|                                   | A.A.S. degree in early childhood education or |   |   |   | 18 months; or                              |   |

| FCCH<br>Operator<br>(.2827)<br>Point Level | Degree                       | NC<br>Family<br>Child<br>Care<br>Credential<br>or its<br>equivalent | Certification<br>on the NC<br>Early Care<br>and<br>Education<br>Professional<br>Scale | Semester Hours | Verifiable<br>Early<br>Childhood<br>Work<br>Experience | Additional<br>Clock Hours of<br>On-going<br>Training |
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|  | child<br>development;<br>and |   |   |                |  |  |
|  |                              |   | A Level VI;<br>and  |                | 2 years.   |  |

(c) Semester hours in early childhood education or child development shall not include the coursework necessary for the North Carolina Family Child Care Credential.

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