

Community Programs Authorization for Lead Teacher

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Initial Community Programs Authorization

- **Requirements as of August 1, 2013:**

(a) Degree. – The minimum of a *bachelor's degree* in child development, early childhood, or occupational development with an emphasis in child development/early childhood; **AND**

(b) Experience. – Verification of at least one year of early education teaching experience; **AND**

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c) Commitment – Submission of commitment verifying the applicant's agreement to complete coursework and/or professional development in the areas specified by the WVDE Office of Early Learning; **AND**

(d) Recommendation of the county superintendent OR the community program's director

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If the bachelor's degree is in an area other than child development, early childhood, or occupational development with an emphasis in child development/early childhood, then a waiver request for the degree area *must* be submitted by the county superintendent or the agency director for the Form 50 initial application.

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Community Programs Authorization Renewal

Six (6) semester hours of WVDE-approved coursework or equivalent professional development are required for each renewal, as defined and approved by the WVDE Office of Early Learning, until all requirements have been met for a permanent authorization.

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Permanent Community Programs Authorization

Completion of all requirements as stated in WV Board of Education **Policy 5202, §126-136-11.9.c.1.EE.**

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