

## **Teacher Qualifications**

Per TEC §29.167 (b) and 19 TAC §102.1003 (d), and §102.1003 (f) (4), LEAs are required to employ prekindergarten teachers who are appropriately certified to teach prekindergarten and who have an additional qualification that is early childhood education specific. Additional qualifications include the following:

- a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential
- a Montessori certification through the Association Montessori Internationale or the Montessori Accreditation council for Teacher Education
- at least eight years of experience teaching in a nationally accredited child care program
- a degree in early childhood education (ECE) or early childhood special education or a non-early