



Pre-Approved National Conferences for Early Care and Education

Below is a list of out-of-state trainings that STARS will automatically accept without pre-approval. This means you may attend any of the listed trainings and present your certificate of completion along with a STARS conference evaluation form and an official conference brochure to gain STARS training credit for your participation in the conference.

This process applies only to the conferences listed below. All other conferences must comply with the pre-approval process to receive credit for licensing purposes.

Please note that this list may be updated periodically. Check www.wykids.org for the latest list.

Name of Organization	Automatically Accepted Conferences, Seminars and Trainings
American Montessori Society (AMS) <small>(Integrated with NCME - National Center for Montessori Education)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conference • Fall Conference
High Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Convention
National Association for Child Care Providers (NACCP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Conference
National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral (NACCRRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development Institute • Annual Conference
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conference and Expo • National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development • Public Policy Forum
National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Conference
National Child Care Association (NCCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Leadership Conference
National Coalition of Campus Child Care Centers (NCCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conference
National Head Start Association (NHSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conference • Summer Manager & Director Institute • Leadership Institute • NHSA Academy • National Indian Head Start

	Directors Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Education Manager's Orientation • Review of OMB Circulars and Head Start Issues
Professional Association for Childhood Education (PACE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Conference • Annual Conference
Smart Start (National Technical Assistance Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Conference
West Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC) Trainer Institute
Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conference

University or Community Colleges Courses	Credit-bearing courses
<p>A recognized accreditation body must accredit the university or college.</p> <p><i>The care provider taking college courses should make sure the institution is accredited. This is especially important in on-line courses since quality may be an issue in some instances.</i></p>	<p>Courses must be taken for credit, be related to early care and education and result in a grade of C or better. Such courses will count toward your required annual training hours. Each semester credit completed equals 15 hours of training and must be documented with a transcript or an official grade report. Check with STARS for the requirements of grade reports or unofficial transcripts to assure credit can be awarded.</p>

Note: Training taken for teacher re-certification, foster care licensing, recertification/licensure for medical/health staff or other recertification or licensures must be submitted to the STARS system for pre-approval to gain STARS credit. In some cases, not all of the training taken to meet other licensure requirements is applicable to early care and education and may not count for STARS credits. STARS reviews these applications on a case-by-case basis to determine what content applies to early care and education.