ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: *DC:0-5™*Certification Criteria and Application Overview



There are two stages of ZERO TO THREE Trainer Certifications: Stage 1. Provisional Trainer; and Stage 2. Certified Trainer. ZERO TO THREE digital Membership is included in both stages of certification. This overview summarizes the ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: DC:0-5™ timeframe, criteria, and evidence options by certification stage. This page outlines the first steps of Provisional Trainer application; page 2 outlines the final part of Provisional Trainer Certification followed by Certified Trainer information. Please contact trainercertification@zerotothree.org for additional information.

Timeframe: valid for 1 year; candidates document meeting full Certification criteria within this provisional year		
Step 1: You must have an active ZERO TO THREE profile. Create or confirm your learner profile on ZERO TO THREE Learn.		
Step 2: Complete the 2-part (Parts A and B) Provisional Trainer certification application for DC:0-5™. Submit both parts of the application on ZERO TO THREE Learn.		
Step 2, Part A: You must demonstrate you meet the following prequalifications and be approved by ZERO TO THREE to attend a DC:0-5™ Training-of-Trainers (ToT)		
DC:0-5™ ToT Prequalifications Evidence Options (How can I demonstrate I'm prequalified for the ToT?)		
Applicants provide a cover letter with their current resume. The cover letter should CLEARLY note evidence of the following, as part of the trainer certification application process:		
A minimum of a master's degree in mental health, health, or related field; AND		
Current board certification or clinical license in state/country of employment; AND		
 A minimum of three years' IECMH clinical experience working with children ages 0-5; AND 		
A minimum of three years' experience as an adult educator training professionals responsible for diagnoses		
Applicants provide 3 brief essays as part of the trainer certification application process:		
Brief essay on interest/motivation to be certified;		
 Brief essay on beliefs about DC:0-5™ contributions to IECMH field; AND 		
Brief essay on training abilities/assets		
Applicants provide 2 letters of recommendation as part of the trainer certification application process:		
Letter of recommendation focused on IECMH Clinical expertise; AND		
Letter of recommendation focused on training expertise		
Applicants upload the following documentation as part of the trainer certification application process:		
 DC:0-5™ Clinical Training certificate of attendance 		

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Stage 1. PROVISIONAL TRAINER	Timeframe: valid for 1 year; candidates document meeting full Certification criteria within this provisional year
Step 2: Complete the 2-part (Parts A and B) Provisional Trainer certification application	
Step 2, Part B: You must demonstrate you meet the following Provisional Certification	
Applicant Criteria (What are the requirements to become certified?)	Application Evidence Options (How can I demonstrate I meet the certification requirements?)
✓ Successfully complete the DC:0-5™ ToT:	Applicants upload the following documentation as part of the trainer certification application process:
Attend all sessions	 DC:0-5™ ToT certificate of attendance
Complete the online Reflection Tool prior to the first session	
Pass the knowledge assessment with at least an 80% score within 14 calendar days	ZERO TO THREE will verify the following evidence for applicants; DO NOT submit documentation for this criterion:
of completing the training	 Verified passing score on knowledge assessment within specified timeframe
✓ Successfully create a DC:0-5™ Annual Training Plan	Applicants upload the following documentation as part of the trainer certification application process:
 Attend a DC:0-5™ Provisional Trainer Annual Training Plan session 	 DC:0-5™ Provisional Trainer Annual Training Plan session certificate of attendance
Draft and submit a Provisional Trainer Annual Training Plan	Provisional Trainer Annual Training Plan
✓ Review and agree to uphold the ZERO TO THREE Code of Practice, Values and Ethics	Applicants must click the "Agree" button as part of the trainer certification application process:
Statement, and Trainer Agreement	• Sign the ZERO TO THREE Code of Practice, Values and Ethics Statement, and Trainer Agreement by clicking the "Agree"
	button in the application
Stage 2. CERTIFIED TRAINER	Timeframe: valid for 1 year; candidates document and maintain certification annually
Step 1: Confirm you are a current Provisional or Certified Trainer: DC:0-5™ on ZERO TO	THREE Learn.
digital Membership for 1 year.	enewal application and pay \$99.00 USD application and processing fee on ZERO TO THREE Learn. Annual fee includes ZERO TO THREE
Applicant Criteria (What are the requirements to become certified/renew certification?) ✓ Successfully deliver a DC:0-5™ Clinical Training since last certification award date	Application Evidence Options (How can I demonstrate I meet the certification requirements?) Please Note: All evidence for meeting this criterion must contain the name of training, date(s) of delivery, location,
	and trainer name.
	Applicants upload the following evidence as part of the trainer certification application process:
	 Approved training event record(s) OR training agenda(s); AND
	A participant roster including email contact information; AND
	A summary of training participants' evaluations.
✓ Participate in at least 4 ZERO TO THREE <i>DC:0-5™</i> trainer support Office Hour sessions since last certification award date	ZERO TO THREE will verify this evidence for applicants; DO NOT submit documentation for this criterion
	• Verified attendance in at least 4 ZERO TO THREE trainer support Office Hour sessions since the last certification award date
✓ Participate in at least 5 clock hours of professional development focused on/related to infant and early childhood mental health since last certification award date	Applicants upload training certificates or transcripts as part of the trainer certification application process:
	 At least 5 clock hours of professional development focused on/related to infant and early childhood mental health since last
	certification date
	 Total clock hours may include ZERO TO THREE trainer support offerings or membership events
 Review and agree to continue upholding the ZERO TO THREE Code of Practice, Values and Ethics Statement, and Trainer Agreement 	Applicants must click the "Agree" button as part of the trainer certification application process:
	Sign the ZERO TO THREE Code of Practice, Values and Ethics Statement, and Trainer Agreement
	by clicking the "Agree" button in the application