

# ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: DC:0-5™ • Certification Criteria Overview



There are two stages to ZERO TO THREE Trainer Certifications: 1. Provisional; and 2. Certification. The following table summarizes the ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: DC:0-5™ timeframe, criteria, and evidence options by certification stage. This page outlines the Provisional criteria; page 2 outlines the full Certification criteria. ZERO TO THREE digital Membership is included in both stages of certification. Please visit [www.zerotothree.org/trainercertification](http://www.zerotothree.org/trainercertification) or contact [trainercertification@zerotothree.org](mailto:trainercertification@zerotothree.org) for additional information.

Stage 1. PROVISIONAL TRAINER	
Timeframe: valid for 1 year; candidates document meeting full Certification criteria within this provisional year	
Criteria (What are the requirements to become certified?)	Evidence Options (How can I demonstrate I meet the criteria?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have an active ZERO TO THREE <a href="#">Learning Center</a> profile and completed trainer certification application for DC:0-5™. Applicants <b>must</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold at least a master's degree in mental health, health, or related early childhood field</li> <li>• Be currently board certified or a licensed clinician</li> <li>• Have a minimum of 3 years IECMH clinical experience with understanding of DC:0-5™ for diagnostic classification in children B-5</li> <li>• Have a minimum of 3 years of experience training mental health clinicians/allied professionals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create or confirm your learner profile on ZERO TO THREE's <a href="#">Learning Center</a></li> <li>• Submit a trainer certification application for DC:0-5™ on ZERO TO THREE's <a href="#">Learning Center</a>, which requires:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evidence of qualifications</li> <li>○ 3 brief essays: 1) interest/motivation to be certified, 2) beliefs about DC:0-5™ contributions to IECMH field, and 3) training abilities/assets</li> <li>○ A current resume</li> <li>○ 2 letters of recommendation (1 clinical, 1 training)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Successfully complete the official DC:0-5™ Training for Clinicians (2-Day <b>OR</b> Extended Day) delivered by:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ZERO TO THREE Faculty, <b>OR</b></li> <li>• ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: DC:0-5™</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ZERO TO THREE will automatically confirm evidence of training delivered by ZERO TO THREE Faculty</li> <li>- <b>OR</b> -</li> <li>• Upload copy of official attendance certificate for training delivered by ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: DC:0-5™ in your <a href="#">Learning Center</a> profile</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Successfully complete the ZERO TO THREE DC:0-5™ Training-of-Trainer:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend the entire training</li> <li>• Complete the online Reflection Tool prior to the training</li> <li>• Pass the knowledge assessment with at least an 80% score within 14 calendar days of completing the training</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>ZERO TO THREE will automatically confirm evidence for these requirements; DO NOT submit documentation for these criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verified attendance at entire training</li> <li>• Verified completion of Reflection Tool within specified timeframe</li> <li>• Verified passing scores on knowledge assessment within specified timeframe</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Successfully create an Annual Training Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule and participate in a call with ZERO TO THREE to review Annual Training Plan</li> <li>• Upload approved Annual Training Plan in your <a href="#">Learning Center</a> profile</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Review and agree to uphold the ZERO TO THREE Code of Practice, Values and Ethics Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload a signed copy of the ZERO TO THREE Code of Practice, Values and Ethics Statement in your <a href="#">Learning Center</a> profile</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Participate in at least 6 of the 60-minute Office Hour sessions for ZERO TO THREE DC:0-5™ Certified Trainers</li> </ul>	<p><b>ZERO TO THREE will automatically confirm evidence for this requirement; DO NOT submit documentation for these criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verified attendance in at least 6 Office Hours for ZERO TO THREE DC:0-5™ Certified Trainers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Successfully deliver a DC:0-5™ 2-Day Training <b>OR</b> Extended Day Training</li> </ul>	<p><b>All evidence for meeting this criterion must contain the name of training, date(s) of delivery, location, and trainer name</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload the following documentation of successful delivery of a DC:0-5™ 2-Day Training or Extended Day Training in your <a href="#">Learning Center</a> profile:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approved training event record (roster) <b>OR</b> training agenda; <b>AND</b> the training evaluations/report</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>OR if training record and information are not available</b> -</li> <li>• 1 of the following evidence options:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A letter of recommendation from a peer or mentor trainer, or other formal observer of your DC:0-5™ training delivery; letter must be dated within the last year and include the observer's contact information</li> <li>○ Other trainer requested documentation options pre-approved by ZERO TO THREE</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Stage 2. CERTIFIED TRAINER		Timeframe: valid for 1 year; candidates document meeting full Certification criteria within this provisional year
Criteria (What are the requirements to become certified?)	Evidence Options (How can I demonstrate I meet the criteria?)	
✓ Be a current Certified ZERO TO THREE Trainer: DC:0-5™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a current DC:0-5™ certified trainer status (provisional or full certification) in the ZERO TO THREE <a href="#">Learning Center</a> at time of application</li> </ul>	
✓ Complete the ZERO TO THREE Trainer Certification renewal process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit a ZERO TO THREE Trainer Certification renewal application and pay \$99.00 USD application fee in the <a href="#">Learning Center</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Annual fee includes ZERO TO THREE digital Membership for 1 year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
✓ Successfully deliver a DC:0-5™ 2-Day Training OR Extended Day Training since last certification award date	<p><i>All evidence for meeting this criterion must contain the name of training, date(s) of delivery, location, and trainer name</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload the following documentation of successful delivery of a DC:0-5™ 2-Day Training or Extended Day Training in in your <a href="#">Learning Center</a> profile:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approved training event record (roster) OR training agenda; <b>AND</b> the training evaluations/report</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>OR if training record and information are not available</b> -</li> <li>• 1 of the following evidence options:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A letter of recommendation from a peer or mentor trainer, or other formal observer of your DC:0-5™ training delivery; letter must be dated within the last year and include the observer's contact information</li> <li>○ Other trainer requested documentation options pre-approved by ZERO TO THREE</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
✓ Participate in at least 4 of the 60-minute Office Hour sessions for ZERO TO THREE DC:0-5™ Certified Trainers	<p><b>ZERO TO THREE will automatically confirm evidence for this criterion; DO NOT submit documentation for this criterion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verified attendance in at least 4 Office Hours for ZERO TO THREE DC:0-5™ Certified Trainers since the last certification award date</li> </ul>	
✓ Participate in at least 5 clock hours of professional development in the areas of infant and early childhood mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload training certificates or transcripts documenting at least 5 clock hours of professional development in ZERO TO THREE approved areas since last certification date in in your <a href="#">Learning Center</a> profile           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total clock hours may include ZERO TO THREE refresher trainings, trainer support offerings, or membership events; ZERO TO THREE will confirm evidence of attendance in ZERO TO THREE hosted events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
✓ Review and agree to continue upholding the ZERO TO THREE Code of Practice, Values and Ethics Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload a newly signed copy of the ZERO TO THREE Code of Practice, Values and Ethics Statement in your <a href="#">Learning Center</a> profile with each certification renewal</li> </ul>	