



NFI Quality Assurance Training Policy

QAT #010: Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer

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Eligibility

Persons eligible to apply for Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer Certification are professionals, who are associated with or on staff of a Newborn Intensive Care or Special Care Nursery that has a certified NIDCAP Training Center, who are approved for training by their respective supervisors as well as the medical and nursing directors of the nursery, and have support for training to enhance their skills as Senior NIDCAP Master Trainers to a level sufficient to provide training and certification of NIDCAP Master Trainers.

Application Process

A nursery's leadership team, its representative, and/or the NIDCAP Master Trainer, who seeks certification as Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer, submits to the Chair of the NFI Quality Assurance Committee a formal letter of intent and application, and presents detailed documentation that demonstrates the NIDCAP Master Trainer applicant's accomplishments, which may qualify him or her to be certified as Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer. It is recommended that pertinent letters of support and assurance are solicited from the prospective Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer, and the NIDCAP Trainers and nurseries, with whom the applicant has worked. The Chair of the NFI Program Committee reviews the submitted materials, assures their completeness in collaboration with the applicant, guides the applicant to secure further documentation as indicated, solicits additional letters of reference as indicated, and presents the application to the Board for review, discussion and vote. If approved, the NIDCAP Master Trainer is issued certification as Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer.

Requirements

Following are the required components of training for certification as Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer:

1. Development of at least two NIDCAP Training Centers, which subsequently successfully train additional NIDCAP Professionals. Subsumed under this requirement are the following conditions:
 - 1.1. Guidance of the development of 5-year financial and operations plans for the development of at least two NIDCAP Training Centers
 - 1.2. Successful NIDCAP Trainer Certification of at minimum one and preferably two NIDCAP Trainers at each of two different NIDCAP Training Centers.
 - 1.3. Commitment of multidisciplinary staff members at each of the two NIDCAP Training Centers' nurseries, including medical directors and leaders from other disciplines, to the NIDCAP Training Center's and NFI's mission and work
 - 1.4. Consultation and guidance to the leadership teams of the two NIDCAP Training Center nurseries

2. Demonstration of excellence in pedagogic skill.
3. Demonstration of excellence in mentorship.