

Environment Rating Scale® (ERS®) Assessor - Endorsement Requirements

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An ERS® Assessor is a professional who conducts on-site observations for early childhood programs participating in Bright & Early, North Dakota's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). The ERS® Assessor must maintain reliability in the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale®, Third Edition (ITERS-3™), the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale®, Third Edition (ECERS-3™), and/or the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale®, Third Edition (FCCERS-3™).

Two endorsements are available: Primary and Provisional.

Early Childhood Workforce Registry Membership

Must be a current member of the Registry.

Education

Provisional - Obtained a [Career Pathway](#) placement of Category E or Higher

Primary - Obtained a [Career Pathway](#) placement of Category G or Higher

Certification

Both Primary and Provisional - Has established reliability in the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale®, Third Edition (ITERS-3™), the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale®, Third Edition (ECERS-3™), and/or the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale®, Third Edition (FCCERS-3™).

Reliability is defined as achieving an overall score of 85% or higher, based on the last three observations conducted with an Anchor-level Assessor or certified trainer from the ERS® Institute

Endorsement Duration

Provisional - the endorsement is valid for twelve (12) months with no more than two (2) renewals.

Primary - endorsement is valid for three (3) years.

Required Training

Both Primary and Provisional - The following training must be verified on the individual's Registry Learning Record as completed before applying as a coach.

Training Details	Hours	Training Sponsor
Getting Started	15	ND Department of Health and Human Services
Safe Sleep or SIDS	1	ND Department of Health and Human Services
FCCERS-3™ 101	5	ERSI, Inc.
ITERS-3™ 101	5	ERSI, Inc.
ECERS-3™ 101	5	ERSI, Inc.
Relationship Based Professional Development Event Entry	1.5	ND Department of Health and Human Services