

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

Updated 7-2023

An ERS® Assessor is a professional who conducts onsite 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™).

Growing Futures Membership

Must be a current member of Growing Futures

Education

Obtained a [Growing Futures Career Pathway](#) placement of Category G or Higher

Certification

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

The primary endorsement is valid for three (3) years.

Required Training

The following training must be verified on the individual's Growing Futures Learning Record as completed *prior to* application for the primary endorsement.

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
Relationship Based Professional Development Event Entry	1.5	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.