

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

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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 E 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 provisional endorsement is valid for twelve (12) months with no more than two (2) renewals.

Required Training

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