

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

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The ERS® Assessor conducts onsite observations for childcare and early education 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 the Growing Futures Registry

### **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.

### **Employment**

Current employment by the state contracted vendor for QRIS Assessor services as verified on the individual's employment tab in Growing Futures.

### **Experience**

A minimum of two (2) years of direct experience with children ages birth-8 years in a licensed early childhood program as verified on the individual's employment tab in Growing Futures.

### **Endorsement Duration**

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

Renewal of the provisional endorsement is dependent on the individual showing verified progress toward the primary endorsement requirements, as defined by the individual's professional development plan, and verified as applicable on the individual's Growing Futures Registry account.

### **Pre-Service 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
Code of Ethical Conduct	3	Child Care Aware® of ND
Getting Started	15	ND DHS Early Childhood Division
SIDS (Online)	1	ND DHS Early Childhood Division

## Pre-Service Required Training Cont.

Training Details	Hours	Training Sponsor
FCCERS-3™ 101	5	ERSI, Inc.
ITERS-3™ 101	5	ERSI, Inc.
ECERS-3™ 101	5	ERSI, Inc.