# ENDORSEMENT® REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

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<th>Education/Experience</th>
<th>Infant Family Associate</th>
<th>Infant Family Specialist</th>
<th>Infant Mental Health Specialist</th>
<th>Infant Mental Health Mentor (Clinical, Policy, Research/Faculty)</th>
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<td>CDA or AA degree, OR 2+ years work experience in infant/early childhood family field</td>
<td>Bachelor's or Master's degree AND 2+ years paid work in infant/early childhood family field</td>
<td>Master's degree or Ph.D. AND 2+ years paid post-Master's work in infant/early childhood family field</td>
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**Specialized Training in Infant Mental Health (age 0-3)**

Applicants will include as many hours as necessary to document that competencies (as specified in Competency Guidelines®) have been met. While **30 hours is the minimum**, more are typically necessary to fulfill this requirement.

**15 annual renewal hours** of IMH training are required to maintain Endorsement.

**Professional Portfolio**

All applicants will submit a professional portfolio demonstrating that they have met both the requirements and competencies specified at each level.

**Code of Ethics and Endorsement Agreement**

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**Reflective Supervision and/or Consultation**

N/A

24 hours within 1-2 year period while working with infants, early childhood, and families

50 hours within 1-2 year period while working with infants, early childhood, and families

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**Three Reference Ratings**

1. Current supervisor
2. Someone with Level II, III, or IV Endorsement OR equivalent experience
3. Colleague or parent/service recipient

1. Current supervisor
2. Teacher, trainer, consultant or parent/service recipient
3. Reflective supervisor with Level II, III, or IV-C Endorsement OR equivalent experience

1. Current supervisor
2. Reflective supervisor with Level III or IV Endorsement OR equivalent experience
3. Supervisor, student, or colleague

**Passing Score on Exam**

N/A

N/A

Multiple Choice & Essay

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**Service examples:**

Include but are not limited to these professional titles

- **Promotion**
  - Child Care Educator, Play Group Leader, Doula

- **Prevention/Intervention**
  - Home Visitor, Early Intervention Provider, NICU Nurse, Parent Educator, CPS Worker

- **Intervention/Treatment**
  - Mental Health Clinician/Supervisor, Clinical Nurse Practitioner, Psychologist

- **Leadership**
  - Infant and Family Program Supervisor, Administrator, Researcher, Faculty Member, Policy Specialist, Physician

**WA-AIMH Membership**

- $80 annually

**Registration Fee**

- $25

**Processing Fee**

- $25

**Total Cost**

- $130

For complete details about competencies and requirements, and to submit a Registration: please visit [www.wa-aimh.org](http://www.wa-aimh.org)

Email the WA-AIMH Endorsement team at: endorsement@wa-aimh.org

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