

MERIT

Washington's Online Professional Development Registry

What is MERIT?

The Managed Education and Registry Information Tool (MERIT) is an online tool used to document and recognize the professional achievements of early care & education and school-age professionals in Washington. MERIT helps professionals find training opportunities, access information on career pathways, and track their individual career progress. MERIT also identifies state-approved trainers who provide education to professionals.

Who can join MERIT?

MERIT is designed for all those who work with young children and their families in an early care & education or school-age program, including:

- Family home child care providers
- Child care center providers
- Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) teachers
- Head Start teachers
- School-age providers
- Administrators, including facility directors and program supervisors



Why should you join MERIT?

MERIT is designed to support you as a professional. It provides you an accurate and efficient tool to keep track of your ongoing education and training, and will help you plan your future career path. Participation in MERIT will help you to:

- Document your education and training experience in one place .
- Build a professional resume and plan your future education and career goals.
- Find training opportunities by state-approved trainers with expertise and skill.
- Use verified information in your professional record to participate in quality initiatives.

Research shows that quality care and education for children depends upon a knowledgeable and skilled workforce. Register in MERIT today to become a member of a group of professionals who teach and care for children in Washington.

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