

### Minimum Qualifications for Service Coordinators by Region

The following table displays minimum qualifications for Early ACCESS service coordinators (SC) by Region. All other positions within Early ACCESS (Early Childhood Special Education teacher, occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech/language pathologist, nurse, etc.) require a degree specific to the specialty/licensure requirements.

	<b>Minimum Degree*</b>	<b>Experience</b>
<b>AEA 1 (Keystone)</b>	Bachelor's or Master's degree depending on level of experience	Degree in specialty (early childhood special education, speech/language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, etc.)
<b>AEA 267</b>	High School diploma or equivalent (only do SC); Also hire SC's who have a Bachelor's or Master's degree (these folks also provide direct services)	With a high school diploma, prefer coursework in family services, early childhood education, social work, or related
<b>AEA 8 (Prairie Lakes)</b>	High School diploma or equivalent, some college experience preferred (only do SC)	Parent of a child with special needs or knowledge of early childhood development and family dynamics
<b>AEA 9 (Mississippi Bend)</b>	Bachelor's degree	Early childhood special education; Endorsement 216
<b>AEA 10 (Grant Wood)</b>	Bachelor's degree (only do SC)	Psychology, social work, sociology, education, or related; Hire through Horizons (who contracts with the AEA) to do only SC
<b>AEA 11 (Heartland)</b>	Master's degree	Social work, early childhood special education
<b>AEA 12 (Northwest)</b>	Master's degree	Degree in specialty (early childhood special education, speech/language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, etc.)
<b>AEA 13 (Green Hills)</b>	High School diploma or equivalent (only do SC)	Parent of a child with special needs or knowledge of early childhood development and family dynamics
<b>AEA 15 (Great Prairie)</b>	Bachelor's degree (only do SC)	Early childhood education, social work, nursing, or related
<b>Child Health Specialty Clinics (A Signatory Agency who provides SC and direct services)</b>	Bachelor's degree or an equivalent combination of education and experience	Prefer a parent or primary care provider of a child with a developmental disability, special health care need and/or behavioral or mental health need

\*Regions with the minimum degree of High School diploma or equivalent hire dedicated service coordinators, which means that they wear only one 'hat' (service coordinator). In most cases, service coordinators also provide a direct service (like early childhood special education, occupational therapy, physical therapy, etc.), so they meet the degree requirements for their specialty.