



# Applying for Infant or Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement® (I/ECMH-E®) Step by Step

NCIMHA is proud to offer both in the Infant Mental Health Endorsement (IMH-E®) and Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement (ECMH-E®) credentials. Though many of the categories and requirements across IMH-E® and ECMH-E® are the same:

- IMH-E® is best suited for professionals working with or on behalf children birth-3 years old
- ECMH-E® is tailored towards professionals working with or on behalf of children 3-6 years old.

Over time, some providers may choose to pursue both if their work covers birth through 6 years old, however it is recommended that you only work on one credential at a time.



## REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Submit Interest Form

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Attend Endorsement 101

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*\*Agency based cohorts of 10+ can contact EC directly to register interest & complete Readiness Assessment*



## COHORT SELECTION

NCIMHA selects cohorts to deliberately build capacity & ensure diversity.

OR

Agency based cohorts (10+ from the same agency)



## COHORTS REGISTER IN EASY

Ensure NCIMHA membership (\$50 annually)

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Registration Fee \$25/applicant

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Initial Meeting & EASy Overview (required)



## COMPLETE EASY APPLICATION

Applicants complete application within 6 months

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Applicants are offered: in system communication monthly office hours (opt) 1:1 support (as needed)



## SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

Pay Processing Fee

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Applicant submits for peer review

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IFA, ECFA, IFS, ECFS, IFRS, ECFRS: Endorsed

IMHS, ECMHS, IMHM, ECMHM: Exam Eligible



## EXAM IMHS, ECMHS, IMHM, ECMHM ONLY

Optional NCIMHA sponsored study groups (1-2)

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NCIMHA schedules the exam virtually 4 times per year



## EXAM REVIEW IMHS, ECMHS, IMHM, ECMHM ONLY

Allow up to 10 weeks for exam review by two Endorsed peers



## RENEWAL

Renewal Requirements:  
15 Hours Training  
12 Hours RSC in categories the require RSC

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Typical Renewal Timeframe:  
Annually in Dec/Jan  
at least one full year after Endorsement is achieved

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Typical Renewal Fees:  
Annual Membership (\$50)



# Endorsement® Fees by Category

	<b>NCIMHA Membership</b>	<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>Processing Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Family Associate (IFA or ECFA)</b>	\$50 Annually Jan-Dec	\$25	\$25	\$100
<b>Family Specialist (IFA or ECFS)</b>	\$50 Annually Jan-Dec	\$25	\$50	\$125
<b>Family Reflective Supervisor (IFRS or ECFRS)</b>	\$50 Annually Jan-Dec	\$25	\$75	\$150
<b>Mental Health Specialist (IMHS or ECMHS)</b>	\$50 Annually Jan-Dec	\$25	\$175*	\$250
<b>Mental Health Mentor (IMHM or ECMHM)</b>	\$50 Annually Jan-Dec	\$25	\$225*	\$300

\*I/ECMHS and I/ECMHM category Processing Fees are substantially higher due to the need to contract with exam reviewers, initially through the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health and then within a trained pool of NCIMHA exam reviewers

With the generous funding of the Preschool Development Grant and the ARCh Project we are able to offer many applicants full or partial scholarships for their Endorsement related fees if:

- your employer is unable or unwilling to pay your Endorsement fees
- cost becomes a barrier for you to apply for the credential

Please indicate your wish to access scholarship funds on your Interest Form or email [Endorsement@NCIMHA.org](mailto:Endorsement@NCIMHA.org) to learn more about scholarship criteria and to explore your eligibility.