



Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health®

Endorsement is an internationally recognized credential used to demonstrate specialization in the infant-early childhood mental health (IECMH) field. Endorsement supports and recognizes the development of professionals who work with or on behalf of pregnant people, infants, young children, and their families.

Endorsement was developed by MI-AIMH in 2002 and is now used by 35 state associations of infant mental health (AIMHs) and two international associations. Each of those AIMHs is a member of the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health. Through the Alliance, Endorsement in Nebraska is recognized in each of the 35 AIMHs!

Who can apply?

The Endorsement credential is intended for everyone who applies IMH principles in their work across the full continuum of promotion, prevention/early intervention, clinical intervention/treatment, and macro scopes of practice. This includes any professional who has experience working with or on behalf of pregnant people, infants, young children, parents, and/or other caregivers.

Why apply for Endorsement?

1. To grow and develop as a professional in the rapidly expanding infant, young child and family field
2. To be recognized by employers and peers for having attained a level of competency in culturally sensitive, relationship-focused practice that promotes IMH.
3. To better support the infants, young children, families, students, agencies, and institutions in the promotion of IECMH.

The application includes:

1. Specialized education, work, in-service training, leadership, and RSC experiences
2. Transcripts (unofficial) from colleges/universities where competencies were met
3. Three reference rating forms; completed electronically via EASy
4. Code of Ethics, signed electronically via EASy
5. Endorsement Agreement, signed electronically via EASy

Steps to Endorsement:

1. Identify your scope of work and align that with the category of Endorsement that fits best
 - Promotion (e.g., early childhood education, pediatricians, child welfare, etc.)
 - Prevention/Early Intervention (e.g., home visiting, early head start, IECMH consultation)
 - Prevention/Early Intervention & Macro (e.g., home visiting AND reflective supervision)
 - Clinical Intervention/Treatment (e.g., infant/child parent psychotherapy, Child First, etc.)
 - Macro (e.g., researcher, provider of reflective supervision, policy maker, etc..)
2. Register on EASy, NAIMH's web-based system for applying for Endorsement. Visit EASy at <https://naimh.myeasy.org>. The first time you visit EASy, click Register under New Applicant
3. EASy asks you to provide some details about your work, education, and RSC experiences. Complete and submit, including payment of the registration fee and up-to-date NAIMH membership
4. Log into EASy and prepare your application (Talk to our endorsement coordinator if you need any help). Once completed, submit application along with payment of the processing fee.
5. Application review and, for Infant Mental Health Specialist & Infant Mental Health Mentor applicants, successful completion of a written exam
6. Endorsement! Begin using the IMH-E® credential after your name

To ask a question or for additional information, please email NE.IMHEndorsement@gmail.com
 (To learn more about the AIMHs who are using the Endorsement credential, visit allianceaimh.org)

	<i>Infant/Early Childhood Family Associate</i>	<i>Infant/Early Childhood Family Specialist</i>	<i>Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist</i>	<i>I/ECMH Mentor Clinical, Research/ Faculty, Policy</i>	<i>(Add-On) Endorsed Reflective Supervisor</i>
Scope of Work	PROMOTION	PREVENTION/ EARLY INTERVENTION	CLINICAL INTERVENTION/ TREATMENT	MACRO	Prerequisite: Endorsement in any category
Education	Any academic degree, or qualified work experience				
Work Experience	Min. 2 yrs. of qualified infant/ early childhood work experience or any academic degree				
In-Service Training	Min. 33 hours				
References	3	3	3	3	2
Reflective Supervision with an Endorsed Provider	Recommended	Min. 24 hours received	Min. 50 hours received	Recommended (Policy, Research/ Faculty) Min. 50 hours received; 25 hours specific to the provision of RSC (Clinical)	Prerequisite: Receipt of 24 hours RSC from a qualified Endorsed provider while completing IECMH relevant work. 1 year of providing RSC while also receiving 12 hours of RSC related to the provided services
Written Exam	No	No	No	Yes	No

Endorsed Reflective Supervisor

This endorsement add-on is a pathway for all Categories of Endorsement to provide qualifying hours of Reflective Supervision/Consultation.

Prerequisite	I/ECMH Endorsement in any category & 24 hours of received RSC from a qualified Endorsed RSC provider while completing IECMH relevant work.
ERS Endorsement Requirements	1 year of providing RSC to infant-family professionals while receiving 12 hours of RSC from a qualified provider about your provision of RSC to others. 15 hours on the provision of RSC (*2 hours can come from learning communities, books, articles, peer studies) Reference Rating forms from RSC provider and Supervisee
ERS Emerging Status Requirements	ERS – EMERGING STATUS is for applicants who are still working toward ERS Endorsement. These applicants have two years to meet full ERS Endorsed requirements and submit their applicant again. The emerging status allows applicant to provide qualifying RSC while they finish the complete ERS requirements. Meet the Prerequisite 5 hours on the provision of RSC (*2 hours can come from learning communities, books, articles, peer studies) Reference Rating from RSC provider and one from (peer, teacher, colleague, teacher, ect.)

Endorsement Application Fees

Family Associate	Family Specialist	Mental Health Specialist	Mental Health Mentor	<i>(Add-On) Endorsed Reflective Supervisor</i>
Registration Fee \$15	Registration Fee \$15	Registration Fee \$25	Registration Fee \$25	Registration Fee \$0
Processing Fee \$25	Processing Fee \$50	Processing Fee \$200	Processing Fee \$300	Processing Fee \$75