

## **Provider Credentials: *criteria and requirements***

North Carolina statute (G.S. § 115C-595(a)(3)c) requires that the State Education Assistance Authority (“Authority”) ensure that funds awarded to students are spent by the parents on qualified providers of teaching or tutoring services, and also qualified providers of educational therapies such as speech therapy.

Acceptable credentials for individual providers are described below. Facilities which enter into an agreement for their providers should ensure that the individuals employed as providers have the following credentials.

### **Teaching and Tutoring Services**

Qualified providers will hold a teaching certificate from North Carolina or another state. It is not a requirement that the provider’s teaching certificate be current. Alternatively, the provider will hold a bachelor’s degree.

### **Educational Therapies**

Qualified providers must individually hold a license or accreditation that is recognized by a State, regional, or national organization that governs the field of therapy for which they are providing services.