

Granite Steps for Quality, SACERS-U, and Afterschool Credential Trainings for 2024-2025



ACROSS NH provides Training and Technical Assistance (TA) to support Out of School Time (OST) programs in applying for a Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ) step and for Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). *Core Knowledge Area: Professional Development and Leadership.* These trainings are free thanks to our funding from the NH DHHS and Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration. Register for individual trainings in the [NH Connections Information System \(NHCIS\)](#). Contact Cathy Hazelton at chazelton@acrossnh.org with training questions, special time requests, or requests for Technical Assistance.

GSQ in OST: Where Do I Start?

9:30-10:30am on Zoom

Wednesdays: Nov 6, Mar 12

This training is for out of school time (OST) programs, and early childhood programs with an OST component that are planning to apply for a Granite Step for Quality (GSQ). We will cover the necessary steps to apply for a Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ) Step. We will review the details of the GSQ OST Rubrics for steps 1-4. We will cover the pre-requisites needed, and the staff requirements & the learning environment requirements needed for applying for a step. Participants will also acquire resources from ACROSS NH to support their work including a self-paced checklist.

GSQ in OST: We're In- Now What?

9:30-10:30am on Zoom

Wednesdays: Oct 9, Apr 9

This training is for out of school time (OST) programs, and early childhood programs with an OST component that have been awarded a Granite Step for Quality (GSQ). We will cover the necessary steps to apply for a Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ) Step. We will review the details of the GSQ OST Rubrics for steps 1-4. We will cover the necessary steps for reporting, tracking, and submitting an invoice to receive your quarterly incentive funds. Other topics shared will include ideas for what to purchase with those incentive funds, important dates to remember, and ways to keep the momentum moving forward to achieve a higher GSQ step. This session will also have a question & answer opportunity, so bring your questions!

Intro and Overview of ERS and SACERS-U

12:00-1:30pm on Zoom

Tuesdays: Jul 23, Aug 20, Sep 17, Oct 8, Nov 19, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17

*The Environment Rating Scales (ERS) are observational tools that assess process quality of child care programs. This virtual training provides an introduction and overview of the ERS and the School Age Care Environment Rating Scale-Updated version (SACERS-U). We will examine the benefits of using the tool and how to use the SACERS-U tool in an out-of-school time (OST) program. This training is intended for programs with school age children in OST. **This training fulfills the necessary Granite Steps for Quality ERS Training requirement for the SACERS Learning Environment Standard Rubric.***

How to Apply for the Afterschool Credential

12-1pm on Zoom

Tuesdays: Sep 24, Nov 26, Feb 25, Apr 22

Wednesday: May 28

Are you thinking about applying for your afterschool credential? Is it time for you to renew? Come join this virtual information session and have all your questions answered. We will review the steps and documents needed for you to apply for your afterschool credential. Your education, experience, skills, and talents will be recognized through this system and your credential is good for 3 years. You will leave with a plan to take the next steps to earning your credential.

Program Quality Improvement in OST with the SACERS-U ACTIVITIES Subscale

12:00-1:30pm on Zoom

Thursdays: Oct 17, Feb 20, Apr 17

Pre-requisite: Intro & Overview of ERS and SACERS-U Training. This session is designed to give out of school time staff the opportunity to take a deeper dive into the SACERS-U tool, with a focus of the Activities subscale. Tips and strategies on program improvements to improve scores in this subscale will be shared. It is also an opportunity to ask questions about using the tool.

Program Quality Improvement in OST with the SACERS-U INTERACTIONS Subscale

12:00-1:30pm on Zoom

Thursdays: Nov 21, Jan 16, Mar 20

Pre-requisite: Intro & Overview of ERS and SACERS-U Training. This session is designed to give out of school time staff the opportunity to take a deeper dive into the SACERS-U tool, with a focus of the Interactions subscale. Tips and strategies on program improvements to improve scores in this subscale will be shared. Bring your questions!



ACROSS NH is funded by the NH Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration DHHS/DES. Our goal is to provide statewide technical assistance and professional development opportunities to Out of School Time (OST) providers to support their work in creating high quality, innovative programs for school age children.