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Optimal instructors for this course include pediatricians, Child Care Health Consultants, or other licensed health care professionals with experience in child care settings.