

## **DCFS DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS**

### **All New child care directors hired on or after July 1, 2017 shall have:**

-a minimum of an Associate Degree in child development or early childhood education

**OR**

-64 semester hours in any discipline with a minimum of 21 hours of college credit in child development, early childhood education or early child hood special education

### **AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

-Gateways to Opportunity Level I Illinois Director Credential

**OR**

-3 semester hours of college credit in administration, leadership or management

**OR**

-3 points of credential-approved training in administration, leadership or management.

Source: DCFS website Section 407.103

## **Care Courses that meet 3 points of Gateway Credential Approved Trainings in Administrative Content**

- *Child Care Administration* – 1 point
- *Facilitating Staff Skill Development* -- .5 point
- *Hiring the Best: Staffing Solutions for ECE facilities* -- .5 point
- *The Workplace Environment* -- .5 point
- *Managing Health and Safety in Child Care* -- .5 point
- *Improving Staff Performance* -- .5 point

**TOTAL POINTS = 3.5 ALL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTENT**

**COST: Approx. \$50 to \$65 per training**

**Web address: <https://www.carecourses.com/>**

### **NOTE:**

You must request Care Courses to send documentation of completion of the above to the Gateways Registry in order for these trainings to be recorded on your Registry PDR!

**Source of point totals for above Care Course Trainings:**

Gateways to Opportunity/INCCRRA

## Aim4Excellence™ Director Credential National Louis University

**Aim4Excellence™ includes nine self-paced modules**

- 1. Leading the Way**
- 2. Recruiting, Selecting, and Orienting Staff**
- 3. Promoting Peak Performance**
- 4. Managing Program Operations**
- 5. Building a Sound Business Strategy**
- 6. Planning Indoor and Outdoor Environments**
- 7. Supporting Children's Development and Learning**
- 8. Creating Partnerships with Families**
- 9. Evaluating Program Quality**

Modules can be taken for college credit or training clock hours but recipients are responsible to pay any college fees that would be associated with the credit.

Each Module is 15 contact hours or 1 point of Gateways Credential Approved Trainings in Administrative content areas. **Any three modules = 3 Points of Gateways Credential Approved Trainings Administrative Content Areas. And meets DCFS Administrative Course or training requirements**

**COST:** \$175 per Module (must be paid BEFORE starting each module)

**In order to access any of the above modules as contact hours (trainings) you must order via the Storefront**

### **HAVE A QUESTION?**

Professional Development Specialist

800-997-8515 | [training@ndchildcare.org](mailto:training@ndchildcare.org)

Professional Development Planning

800-997-8515 | [pdadvising@ndchildcare.org](mailto:pdadvising@ndchildcare.org)

**Source:** <http://ndchildcare.org/training/aim4excellence.html>

## **Administrative requirements for DCFS director qualifications can be met by taking college level course work**

**Below are examples of college courses that meet Administrative content areas**

Capella University	ED	5007	Foundations of Educational Leadership
Cal State University	EDEC	523	Leadership, Advocacy and Supervision of Early Childhood Programs
Northern IL University	FCNS	434	Administration and Supervision of Programs for the Young Child
Chicago St University	MGMT	260	Personnel Management
Moraine Valley CC	BUS	231	Principles of Management

**PLEASE NOTE:** Final decision on the acceptability of any course or training is made by DCFS Licensing Representative

**Source:** Gateways to Opportunity / INCCRRA

## **Additional Training Resources are available at: Gateways i-learning system**

Gateways i-learning is the hub of online training for Illinois child care providers. You can locate online training for IDCFS Licensing, ExceleRate Illinois, and other courses related to caring for children.

**Go To:** [www.ilgateways.com](http://www.ilgateways.com) for more information