

Illinois Director Credential (IDC) Framework

| Illinois Director Credential Levels | General Education Requirements | Education and Training in Early Care & Education | Work and Practical Experience in Early Care & Education | Education and Training in Early Care & Education Administration | Work and Practical Experience in Early Care & Education Administration | Professional Contributions in Early Care & Education |
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| Level III | Master Degree | 30 points in the ECE Content Areas - of which a maximum of 6 points may be from approved training | None | 21 points in administrative education and training | 6000 hours of documented ECE administrative experience | Six professional contributions in four different areas within the last five years one contribution must be in the area of program improvement. Must include documentation of specialized expertise. |
| Level II | Baccalaureate Degree | 24 points in the ECE Content Areas – of which a maximum of 6 points may be from approved training | 100 hours of teaching experience | 15 points in administrative education and training | 300 hours of a supervised ECE administrative practicum <i>or</i> 3600 hours of documented ECE administrative experience | Four professional contributions in three different areas within the last five years one contribution must be in the area of program improvement. |
| Level I | Associate Degree | 21 points in the ECE Content Areas – of which a maximum of 3 points may be from approved training <i>(Must include 20 clock hours of ECE observation)</i> | 100 hours of teaching experience | 9 points in administrative education and training | 300 hours of a supervised ECE administrative practicum <i>or</i> 1200 hours of documented ECE administrative experience | Two professional contributions in two different areas within the last five years one contribution must be in the area of program improvement. |