Gateways to Opportunity® Credentials Application

For questions and additional information about the Gateways Credential Program please email credentials@ilgateways.com or visit us at *www.ilgateways.com/credentials*.

All Gateways Credentials are free to those who live and/or work in Illinois.

Step 1: Apply

Credential Type:	This Credential is for…	Circle One Per Credential Type:
☐ ECE Credential	ECE Educators Birth – age 8	New Level Advance Renewal
☐ Infant Toddler Credential	Infant Toddler Educators Birth to age 3	New Level Advance Renewal
☐ Family Child Care Credential	Family Child Care Providers	New Level Advance Renewal
☐ Illinois Director Credential	Center Directors or Assistant Directors	New Level Advance Renewal
☐ Technical Assistance Credential	Professional Development Coaches/Mentors	New Level Advance Renewal
☐ ESL & Bilingual Credential	ECE Educators serving multilingual/multicultural children & families	New Level Advance Renewal
☐ School-Age & Youth Development Credential	Educators serving Kindergarten through age 17	New Level Advance Renewal
☐ Family Specialist Credential	Social Workers/Home Visitors/Parent Educators	New Level Advance Renewal

Step 2: Submit all Official Transcripts

Official transcripts from accredited college(s) or university(s) can be submitted electronically to transcripts@inccrra.org

Step 3: A Current Gateways Registry Membership is required

Registry Member ID: _____

Is your Registry Membership current? If ***no,*** renew online at *registry.ilgateways.com* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Optional:

Do you have a valid CDA? (Copy enclosed) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a valid Professional Educator License with an endorsement in ECE (formerly Type 04 Certificate)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a valid Professional Educator License with an endorsement in Elementary Education (formerly Type 03 Certificate)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Social Work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I verify that I have read this paragraph and that all information provided is true and accurate. By signing above, I understand that INCCRRA will use my signature as authorization to verify any information and documents I have submitted, including the request for additional documentation. I understand that an individual determined to have submitted fraudulent, altered, or false documentation or information will be banned from INCCRRA administered programs for a time period to be determined by the Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC). Any benefit received by or paid on behalf of the individual as a result of fraudulent, altered, or false documentation or information must be reimbursed to INCCRRA by the individual as determined by IDEC.

Print Name: _____

Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

Email completed application to: *credentials@ilgateways.com* ***OR***
Mail completed application to: *INCCRRA/Applications • 1226 Towanda Avenue • Bloomington, IL 61701*

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