

# GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY
# ILLINOIS DIRECTOR CREDENTIAL

The Gateways Illinois Director Credential includes college coursework and credential-approved training in ECE or School-Age Administration.

Below are examples that meet Administrative content for the Illinois Director Credential.

## Administrative content can be met by taking college level coursework.

Below are examples of college course titles that fully meet administrative content areas:

- Financial and Legal Aspects of Child Care Management
- Leadership, Advocacy and Supervision of Early Childhood Programs
- Administration and Supervision of Programs for the Young Child

General business or administrative coursework may receive partial credit. Below are examples of course titles that may earn partial credit in the Gateways Administrative Content Areas:

- Personnel Management
- Principles of Management
- Foundations of Educational Leadership

Illinois Child Care Licensing representatives determine if you are Teacher, Assistant Teacher, or Director Qualified.

If you are curious about the difference between the Illinois Director Credential and Illinois Child Care Licensing Director qualification requirements, visit the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to learn more.

**PER ILLINOIS CHILD CARE LICENSING STANDARDS FOR DAY CARE CENTERS:** 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 the equivalent (defined as 64 semester hours in any discipline with a minimum of 21 semester hours of college credit in child development, early childhood education or early childhood special education) and either a Gateways to Opportunity Level I Illinois Director Credential (see 89 Ill. Adm. Code 50.720(b) or 3 semester hours of college credit or **3 points of credential approved training in administration, leadership or management.**

Gateways to Opportunity®/INCCRRA staff does not make staffing qualification decisions.

***Important Reminder!*** *The Illinois Director Credential (IDC) has three levels. The IDC Level I requires an Associate's degree or higher, the IDC Level II requires a Bachelor's degree or higher, and the IDC Level III requires a Graduate degree.* ***The IDC Level II and IDC Level III go above and beyond the IDC Level I requirements.***

## Aim4Excellence™ Director Credential at National Louis University

Aim4Excellence™ includes nine self-paced modules that can be taken for college credit or training clock hours.

***Completion of any three modules meets three points in the Gateways Administrative content areas.***

**For more information visit:** McCormick Institute for Early Childhood at National Louis University *Cost per module varies.*

## ChildCare Education Institute – Director's Certificate

The Director's Certificate, by ChildCare Education Institute (CCEI) provides information for early childhood professionals seeking to further their skills and knowledge in the management of a child care center. The online training program is comprised of five Instructional Units. These units focus on the core areas of competency required to manage a child care center.

Program Length: 60 clock hours.

***Completion of the CCEI Director's Certificate meets three points in the Gateways Administrative content areas.***

**For more information visit:** https://www.cceionline.com/directors-certificate/ *Cost per module varies.*

## Care Courses – Trainings for Directors & Administrators

Care Courses offers convenient and affordable child care training courses in online and book formats with unlimited free support.

- **Managing Health and Safety in Child Care – 12 clock hours**
  https://www.carecourses.com/courses/352
- **Understanding Each Other: Communicating with Families, Staff and Your Community – 9 clock hours**
  https://www.carecourses.com/courses/376
- **Hiring, Supervising, and Motivating Staff - Administration Course Bundle – 10 clock hours**
  https://www.carecourses.com/bundle/parentbundle/26

***Completion of each training meets half a point in the Gateways Administrative content areas.***

- **Illinois Childcare Director Training Bundle – 15 clock hours**
  https://www.carecourses.com/bundle/parentbundle/36
  ***note – includes Hiring, Supervising, and Motivating Staff - Administration Course Bundle – 10 clock hours***

***Completion of this training bundle meets one point in the Gateways Administrative content areas.***

- **Illinois Director 3-Point Administration, Leadership and Management Training Bundle - 45 clock hours**
  https://www.carecourses.com/bundle/parentbundle/41
  ***note - includes all trainings and bundles above plus additional new***

***Completion of this training bundle meets three points in the the Gateways Administrative content areas.***

**For more information visit:** https://www.carecourses.com/publicpages/care_courses *Cost per module varies.*

## ProSolutions - Director Training

ProSolutions is an online content delivery system for you that helps you meet state requirements and get quality training.

Completion of the trainings meet varying points in the Gateways Administrative content areas.

- **Director Training: The Basics – 12 clock hours**
  https://www.prosolutionstraining.com/store/product/?tProductVersion_id=1695&CatalogFilter_id=265&tCatalogFilterType_id=
- **Director Training: Understanding Your Role - 20 clock hours**
  https://www.prosolutionstraining.com/store/product/?tProductVersion_id=1694&CatalogFilter_id=265&tCatalogFilterType_id=
- **Director Training: Leading Your Program - 40 clock hours**
  https://www.prosolutionstraining.com/store/product/?tProductVersion_id=1693&CatalogFilter_id=265&tCatalogFilterType_id=
- **Illinois Administration, Leadership, & Management Training Package – 47 clock hours**
  https://www.prosolutionstraining.com/store/product/?tProductVersion_id=2710&CatalogFilter_id=1042&tCatalogFilterType_id=

**For More Information visit:** https://www.prosolutionstraining.com/menu/ *Cost per module varies.*

***The 48 clock hour bundle meets three points of credential-approved training in administration, leadership, or management and may be applied toward earning the Gateways to Opportunity® Illinois Director Credential, and may meet applicable Illinois Child Care Licensing standards.***

## ed2go Business trainings

ed2go offers flexible business courses that will help hone and focus skills and build career success.

Business/administration trainings that are at least seven and a half clock hours in length may meet a half point in the Gateways Administrative content areas.

**For More Information visit:** https://www.ed2go.com/courses/business *Cost per module varies.*



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY®
Illinois Professional Development System

Administered through inccrra

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

1226 Towanda Avenue | Bloomington, Illinois 61701 | 866.697.8278 | www.ilgateways.com

Gateways to Opportunity is administered through INCCRRA and funded by the Illinois Department of Early Childhood.
Gateways to Opportunity, the arch logo and Illinois Professional Development System are registered trademarks of INCCRRA. PD393 © 2024 INCCRRA