

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 childhood 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

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. Designing Indoor and Outdoor Environments
7. Supporting Children's Development and Learning
8. Facilitating Responsive Family Engagement
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 16 contact hours or 1 point of Gateways Credential Approved Training 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: \$200 per Module (must be paid BEFORE starting each module)

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

HAVE A QUESTION?

Help Desk

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Source: [McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership](#) (link to training)

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: <https://courses.inccrra.org/> for more information.