

What a Difference a Year Makes

The Gateways ECE Level 2
Virtual-reality PLA Project

Anne Brennan & Marie Donovan

Hello!

Let's get acquainted ~

Please **put your institution's name** in the Chat
AND tell us what you currently use **to award ECE
prior learning credit** (PLC) at your institution.

1. The PLA Instrument

Statewide
ECE
Faculty
Work

Instrument Development

2021-22

- Faculty wrote workplace challenge scenarios eliciting performance of the 12 Level 2 Credential competencies
- Workshopped simulations with employers and students
- Began avatar, environment development

2022-23

- Scenario editing, live-action video in a preschool with teachers
- Faculty evaluation training, use of GoReact for scoring
- Piloted core set of simulations to inform further editing of remaining scenarios
- Developed Spanish language edition



Gateways to Opportunity®
Illinois Prior Learning Assessment Learner Enrollment Form

Gateways Registry Membership/ID Required

Thank you for enrolling in the Illinois Prior Learning Assessment opportunity. You may be able to earn college credit at an institution of your choice through this project (funded by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, Preschool Development B-5 federal grant).

Fill out the form carefully for enrollment in the Illinois Prior Learning Assessment opportunity.

Learner:
First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Birth Date: _____ Gateways Registry Membership Number: _____

Address
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ (Mark One) ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Other: _____
Secondary Phone Number: _____ (Mark One) ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Other: _____

Current Job/Role (use your main role if you have more than one) : _____

Ages of Children with which You Currently Work:
☐ Preschool (3 - 5 years old) ☐ Infant Toddler (Birth to 36 months) ☐ School Age (6 - 12 years old)

How many years of experience do you have working in the Early Childhood field (birth to 8 years)?:
☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years ☐ 4 years ☐ 5 -7 years ☐ 8 -10 years ☐ 11 -13 years ☐ 14 -16 years ☐ 16 + years

Please provide the institution that you want your results shared with: Select One

Reminder, if you are not currently registered in Gateways, please do so before submitting this form.
Submit this form to PLAinfo@incorra.org

Learner Recruitment & Enrollment

Pilot institutions:

CLC, HCC, KISH, MCH, CSU, EIU, GSU, NLU, WIU

The ECE VR PLA Instrument Process



Learner Enrollment

Gateways website application
Directed to appointment website
Orientation packet, introductory video
Learner indicates IHE to send video capture to for evaluation



Learner Completion

Learner logs in for appointment
Simulation Specialist (actor)
engages Learner in four simulations
of workplace challenges
Interaction is video captured



Faculty Video Capture Evaluation

Evaluation completed at GoReact
Trained faculty tags instances of 12
competencies' demonstrations/
missed opportunities to
demonstrate



Evaluation Conversion

Faculty evaluator determines credit
earned, based on competencies
evidenced



Administrative Approval

Internal campus administrators
process credit assigned by faculty
evaluator



Transcribed Credit

IHE indicates course credit earned
through this PLA according to its
policies



Take a Peek

See what a Faculty Evaluator sees

Please put questions in the Chat

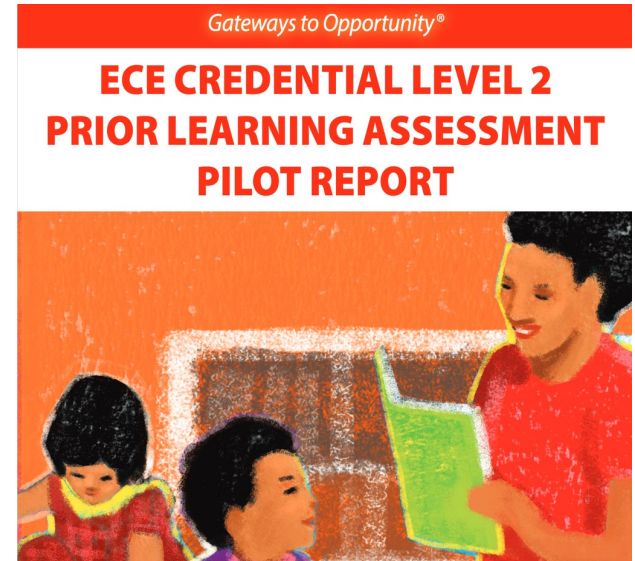


Thoughts from project participant

*Dr. Katy Hisrich,
GSU ~*

What We've Learned

- Staff, employers, faculty, admins are enthusiastic and appreciate its authenticity, efficiency—and see the need for a new way to PLA for the incumbent workforce
- Prior learning assessment (PLA), awarding prior learning credit (PLC) rely upon *faculty consensus* and *curricular structure* as well as *policy, standardization*



2. PLA Infrastructure

Creating a
PLA
Framework
for Illinois

PLA Outcomes: PLC

- 12 Level 2 ECE Credential Competencies: HGD (3), HSW (2), IRE (2), FCR (3), PPD (2)
- Type of ECE credit awarded for these competencies currently varies across IHEs
- Amount/configuration of credit also varies

Health, Safety, and Well-Being (HSW)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
HSW1	NTR 2100 Personal Nutrition 1.5 Credit	PSU-HLTH Health or one of these: HLSC 2100, 4100, 4130 Health & Safety 1.5 Credits	CHLD 228 Foundations of Health, Safety and Well-Being (2 credits with HSW2) With CHILD 229 (1 credit) = CHLD 202 3 credits	ECE 125 Early Childhood Nutrition, Health, and Safety 1.5 Credits	Currently HSW is applied differently depending on student needs in their degree pathway.	ECE 222 Child Nutrition and Health 1 credit
HSW2	NTR 2100 Personal Nutrition 1.5 Credit	PSU-HLTH Health or one of these: HLSC 2100, 4100, 4130 Health & Safety 1.5 Credits	CHLD 228 Foundations of Health, Safety and Well-Being (2 credits with HSW1) With CHILD 229 (1 credit) = CHLD 202 3 credits	ECE 125 Early Childhood Nutrition, Health, and Safety 1.5 Credits	Currently HSW is applied differently depending on student needs in their degree pathway. .	ECE 222 Child Nutrition and Health 1 credit

- Personal Nutrition and Health
- Foundations of Health, Safety, and Well-Being
- Childhood Nutrition, Health, and Safety
- Child Nutrition and Health

Human Growth and Development (HGD)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
HGD1	HSL 1800 Human Development 1 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1 Credit	CHLD 121 Foundations of Child Development (2 credits with HDG2 and HDG3) With CHLD 122 (1 credit) = CHLD 102 3 credits	ECE 120 Child Growth & Development 1 Credit	ECH 481 or ECH 380 depending on student track (licensure or nonlicensure)	ECE 111 The Developing Child 1 credit
HGD2	HSL 1800 Human Development 1 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1 Credit	CHLD 121 Foundations of Child Development (2 credits with HDG1 and HDG3) With CHLD 122 (1 credit) = CHLD 102 3 credits	ECE 120 Child Growth & Development 1 Credit	ECH 481 or ECH 380 depending on student track (licensure or nonlicensure)	ECE 110 Foundations of ECE 1 credit
HGD3	HSL 1800 Human Development 1 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1 Credit	CHLD 121 Foundations of Child Development (2 credits with HDG1 and HDG2) With CHLD 122 (1 credit) = CHLD 102 3 credits	ECE 120 Child Growth & Development 1 Credit	ECH 481 or ECH 380 depending on student track (licensure or nonlicensure)	ECE 111 The Developing Child 1 credit

- Human Development
- Educational Psychology
- Foundations of Child Development
- Child Growth & Development
- Developing Child

Family and Community Relationships (FCR)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
FCR1	HSL 4854 Leadership in Family Life Education 1 Credit	EDUC 2310 Foundations of Education – partial credit 1 Credit	CHLD 238 Foundations of Child, Family and Community (2 credits with FCR2, FCR3) With CHLD 239 (1 credit) = CHLD 209 3 credits)	ECE 155 Child, Family, and Community Relationships 1 Credit	ECH 276 (.5 hour) - however this includes completion of a project as well.	ECE 161 Family- Community Relationships 1 credit
FCR2	HSL 4854 Leadership in Family Life Education 1 Credit	EDUC 2310 Foundations of Education – partial credit 1 Credit	CHLD 238 Foundations of Child, Family and Community (2 credits with FCR1, FCR2) With CHLD 239 (1 credit) = CHLD 209 3 credits)	ECE 155 Child, Family, and Community Relationships 1 Credit	ECH 276 (.5 hour)	ECE 161 Family- Community Relationships 1 credit
FCR3	HSL 4854 Leadership in Family Life Education 1 Credit	EDUC 2310 Foundations of Education – partial credit 1 Credit	CHLD 238 Foundations of Child, Family and Community (2 credits with FCR1, FCR2) With CHLD 239 (1 credit) = CHLD 209 3 credits)	ECE 155 Child, Family, and Community Relationships 1 Credit	ECH 276 (1 hour) - this includes completion of a project to get the whole 2.0 credit courses for the FCR competencies.	ECE 161 Family- Community Relationships 1 credit

- Leadership in Family Life Education
- Foundations of Education
- Foundations of Child, Family, and Community
- Child, Family, and Community Relationships
- Family-Community Relationships

Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
IRE1	HSL 4859 Resiliency in Family 1.5 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1.5 Credits	CHLD 103 Environmental Design to Support Children's Play 3 Credits (with IRE2)	ECE 229 Early Childhood Curriculum and Activities 1 Credit	C&I 110 (not currently a Gateways course so we need to revisit this one	ECE 111 The Developing Child 1 credit
IRE2	HSL 4859 Resiliency in Family 1.5 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1.5 Credits	CHLD 103 Environmental Design to Support Children's Play 3 Credits (with IRE1)	ECE 229 Early Childhood Curriculum and Activities 1 Credits	C&I 110 (not currently a Gateways course so we need to revisit this one -	ECE 110 Foundations of ECE 1 credit
Total Possible Credit	12-15 Credits	12-15 Credits	12 Credits	12-13 Credits	9-12 credits depending on... it will be 13 hours	12 Credits

- Resiliency in Family
- Educational Psychology
- Environmental Design to Support Children's Play
- Early Childhood Curriculum and Activities
- The Developing Child
- Foundations of ECE

Personal and Professional Development (PPD)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
PPD1	HSL 3220 Introduction to Early Childhood Program 1.5 Credit	EDUC 2310 Foundations of Education – partial credit	CHLD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education 3 Credits (with PPD2)	ECE 115 Early Childhood Education 1 Credit	C&I 110 (not currently a Gateways course so we need to revisit this one)	ECE 112 Guiding Young Children 1 credit
PPD2	HSL 3220 Introduction to Early Childhood Program 1.5 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 3 Credits	CHLD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education 3 Credits (with PPD1)	ECE 115 Early Childhood Education 1 Credit	C&I 110 (not currently a Gateways course so we need to revisit this one)	ECE 110 Foundations of ECE 1 credit

- Introduction to Early Childhood
- Foundations of Education
- Educational Psychology
- Guiding Young Children

Find a Replacement Course

Search for courses to complete at another school that you can transfer back to your current institution.
Planning to go to a new school? Search [Will My Courses Transfer?](#) to see how your credits may apply.

School You Currently Attend

Start Over

Oakton College

Courses

Requirement Categories

Term

Spring 2023

Department

Don't see your course listed? [Add it yourself.](#)

Courses

Search for Matches

Oakton College

Delete All

ECE102	CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	Spring '23	3	
ECE104	INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	Spring '23	3	
ECE107	OBSERVATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE YOUNG CHILD	Spring '23	3	
ECE108	NUTRITION, HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR THE YOUNG CHILD	Spring '23	3	
ECE180	THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD	Spring '23	3	
ECE270	CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS	Spring '23	3	

+ Courses (6) + Matches (22) + Favorites (0)

For better results, please use or provide a ZIP Code:

22 Schools Found

Looking for a particular school?

Filter by school or city name

Q Search

41 First

4 Previous

Showing 1 - 22

Next >

Replacement Search Results Table

4 of 6
MatchCity Colleges Of Chicago-Central Office
Chicago, IL
Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

4 of 6
MatchCity Colleges Of Chicago-Harold Washington College
Chicago, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

4 of 6
MatchCity Colleges Of Chicago-Harry S Truman College
Chicago, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

4 of 6
MatchCity Colleges Of Chicago-Kennedy-King College
Chicago, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

4 of 6
MatchCity Colleges Of Chicago-Malcolm X College
Chicago, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

4 of 6
MatchCity Colleges Of Chicago-Olive-Harvey College
Chicago, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

4 of 6
MatchCity Colleges Of Chicago-Richard J Daley College
Chicago, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

4 of 6
MatchCity Colleges Of Chicago-Wilbur Wright College
Chicago, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

4 of 6
Match

Morton College

+ Courses (6) + Matches (22) + Favorites (0)

3 of 6
MatchMarjorie College
Palatine, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

2 of 6
MatchBlack Hawk College
Moline, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

2 of 6
MatchLewis University
Romeoville, IL
4 year, Private not-for-profit - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

2 of 6
MatchNortheastern Illinois University
Chicago, IL
4 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

2 of 6
MatchSt. Augustine College
Chicago, IL
4 year, Private not-for-profit - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

2 of 6
MatchTriton College
River Grove, IL
2 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

2 of 6
MatchUniversity of Kansas
Lawrence, KS
4 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

1 of 6
MatchArizona State University Campus Immersion
Tempe, AZ
4 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

1 of 6
MatchArizona State University Digital Immersion
Scottsdale, AZ
4 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

1 of 6
MatchDePaul University
Chicago, IL
4 year, Private not-for-profit - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

1 of 6
MatchIllinois State University
Normal, IL
4 year, Public - [View Full Profile](#)

1 1 1 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 0 0

1 of 6
MatchMarquette University
Milwaukee, WI

1 1 1 1 1 1

Q Help & Feedback

Thanks!

Questions? Comments?

abrennan@oakton.edu

mdonovan@depaul.edu