ILLINOIS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR PREPARATION PATHWAY

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GATEWAYS ECE

CREDENTIALS* POSTSECONDARY COMPETENCIES

ADDITIONAL POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

FURTHER GRADUATE EDUCATION AND GATEWAYS LEVEL 6

ENTRY TO EMPLOYMENT

LEVEL

Lead Teacher (Level 5):

- Human Growth and Development (HGD5, HGD6)
- Health Safety and Well-Being (HSW7, HSW8)
- Observation and Assessment (OA7, OA8)
- Curriculum or Program Design (CPD10)
- Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE6, IRE7)
- Family and Community Relationships (FCR7)
- Personal and Professional Development (PPD7, PPD8, PPD9, PPD10)

Completion of additional ECE coursework, supervised experience, and possible specialization in

- Infant/Toddler
- ESL/ Bilingual
- Early Childhood Special Education.

Prepares competent early childhood classroom lead teachers with leadership and advocacy knowledge and skills, and possible educator licensure through ISBE

LEAD TEACHER



LEVEL

Teacher (Level 4):

- Human Growth and Development (HGD4)
- Health Safety and Well-Being (HSW6)
- Observation and Assessment (OA4, OA5, OA6)
- Curriculum or Program Design (CPD4, CPD5, CPD6, CPD7,
- Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE5)
- Personal and Professional Development (PPD5, PPD6)

Completion of general education, 3 additional hours of ECE, and child development practicum

Prepares competent early childhood classroom teachers with proficient knowledge and skills.

BACHELOR DEGREE

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

PREPARATION





LEVEL

Entry-Level Teacher (Level 3):

- Health Safety & Well-Being (HSW3, HSW4, HSW5)
- Observation and Assessment (OA1, OA2, OA3)
- Curriculum or Program Design (CPD1, CPD2, CPD3)
- Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE3, IRE4)
- Family and Community Relationships (FCR4, FCR5, FCR6)
- Personal and Professional Development (PPD3, PPD4)

Completion of 3 hours each of English, math, and general education

Prepares competent entry-level early childhood classroom teachers with basic knowledge and skills.

ENTRY-LEVEL TEACHER

TEACHER





LEVEL

Assistant Teacher (Level 2):

- Human Growth and Development (HGD1, HGD2, HGD3)
- Health Safety and Well-Being (HSW1, HSW2)
- Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE1, IRE2)
- Family and Community Relationships (FCR1, FCR2, FCR3)
- Personal and Professional Development (PPD1, PPD2)

Completion of 2 additional hours

Prepares competent early childhood assistant teachers with foundational knowledge and skills.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED ASSISTANT TEACHER



LEVEL 1

A series of basic trainings on health, safety, and other topics aligned with the Illinois Department of Human Services requirements that may be used to supplement high school education.

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HGD = human growth and development; HSW = health, safety, and well-being; OA = observation and assessment; CPD = curriculum or program design; IRE = interactions, relationships, and environments; FCR = family and community relationships; and PPD = personal and professional development.

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