ILLINOIS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR PREPARATION PATHWAY

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GATEWAYS ECE CREDENTIALS*  POSTSECONDARY COMPETENCIES  ADDITIONAL POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  PREPARATION

LEVEL 5  Lead Teacher (Level 5):  • Human Growth and Development (HGD5, HGD6)  • Health Safety and Well-Being (HSW5, HSW6)  • Observation and Assessment (OA5, OA6)  • Curriculum or Program Design (CPD10)  • Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE5, IRE6)  • Family and Community Relationships (FCR5)  • Personal and Professional Development (PPD3, PPD4)  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.

LEVEL 4  Teacher (Level 4):  • Human Growth and Development (HGD4)  • Health Safety and Well-Being (HSW4)  • Observation and Assessment (OA4, OA5, OA6)  • Curriculum or Program Design (CPD4, CPD5, CPD6, CPD7, CPD8, CPD9)  • Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE4)  • Family and Community Relationships (FCR4, FCR5, FCR6)  • Personal and Professional Development (PPD3, PPD4)  Completion of general education, 3 additional hours of ECE, and child development practicum  Prepares competent early childhood classroom teachers with proficient knowledge and skills.

LEVEL 3  Entry-Level Teacher (Level 3):  • Health Safety & Well-Being (HSW3, HSW4, HSW5)  • Observation and Assessment (OA3, OA4, OA5)  • Curriculum or Program Design (CPD1, CPD2, CPD3)  • Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE3, IRE4)  • Family and Community Relationships (FCR1, FCR2, FCR3)  • Personal and Professional Development (PPD1, PPD2)  Completion of 3 hours each of English, math, and general education  Prepares competent entry-level early childhood classroom teachers with basic knowledge and skills.

LEVEL 2  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.

LEVEL 1  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.

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.