

Gateways to Opportunity® Illinois Director Credential (IDC) Framework

Illinois Director Credential Levels	General Education Requirements	Education and Training in Early Childhood/ School-Age Administration	Education and Training in Early Childhood/ School-Age	Work and Practical Experience in Early Childhood/ School-Age	Work and Practical Experience in Early Childhood/ School-Age- Administration	Professional Contributions in Early Childhood/ School-Age
Level III	Graduate Degree	21 points in the Administrative Content Areas <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">Maximum of 12 points may be from Credential approved training. Points may be split between the Education and Training in Early Childhood/School-Age and Administration content areas.</div>	30 points in the Gateways to Opportunity Content Areas	None	6000 hours of documented Early Childhood/ School-Age administrative experience and documentation of specialized expertise	Required at Renewal
Level II	Bachelor's Degree	15 points in the Administrative Content Areas <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">Maximum of 9 points may be from Credential approved training. Points may be split between the Education and Training in Early Childhood/School-Age and Administration content areas.</div>	24 points in the Gateways to Opportunity Content Areas	100 hours of Early Childhood/School-Age teaching experience	300 hours of a supervised Early Childhood/ School-Age administrative practicum <i>or</i> 3600 hours of documented Early Childhood/School-Age administrative experience	Required at Renewal
Level I	Associate Degree	9 points in the Administrative Content Areas <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">Maximum of 6 points may be from Credential approved training. Points may be split between the Education and Training in Early Childhood/School-Age and Administration content areas.</div>	21 points in the Gateways to Opportunity Content Areas	100 hours of Early Childhood/School-Age teaching experience	300 hours of a supervised Early Childhood/ School-Age administrative practicum <i>or</i> 1200 hours of documented Early Childhood/School-Age administrative experience	Required at Renewal

Guide: A point is equivalent to one semester hour of college credit.

*American Montessori Society (AMS) Early Childhood and Infant Toddler Credentials count for a maximum of 6 points of credential approved training for the ECE, Infant Toddler Credential, or Illinois Director Credential.