

Gateways to Opportunity® Direct Route Credentials Supplement Application Illinois Director Credential

For questions and additional information about Gateways Credentials, visit us online at www.ilgateways.com or call (866) 697-8278.

Credential(s) applying for:

Level I–III Credentials (*Please note: A completed degree is required for an Illinois Director Credential*)

Practitioners will be sent documentation to complete and submit that validates competencies and experience to the Gateways to Opportunity office. The following Credentials are available through the direct route:

- Illinois Director Credential
 - New
 - Renewal
 - Level Advancement

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All Direct Route Participants must submit:

- Information Update Form and Gateways to Opportunity Direct Route Credentials Supplement Application.
- \$65 Credential Fee
 - If paying by credit card, visit the Gateways Registry website at registry.ilgateways.com.
 - All checks made payable to INCCRRA.
 - **Credential fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.**
- Official transcripts from accredited college(s) or university(s).
 - If INCCRRA already has your official transcripts on file, you do not need to resend.
 - Official transcripts can be submitted electronically to transcripts@inccrra.org.

Do you have a valid Professional Education License with endorsement in ECE (*formerly Type 04 Certificate*)?

- Yes
- No

How did you first learn about Gateways to Opportunity Credentials? (*check only one*)

- Center Director
- Local Child Care Resource & Referral
- Conference/Presentation
- Mailing
- Co-Worker
- Provider Association
- Website/Social Networking
- Professional Development Advisor (PDA)
- Other _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I verify that I have read this paragraph and that all information provided is true and accurate. By signing below I understand that INCCRRA will use my signature as authorization to verify any information and documents I have submitted. I understand that the Illinois Department of Human Services may use my name and application information for research/evaluation purposes. I understand that any false or misleading statements or subsequent documentation may constitute grounds for denial or subsequent withdrawal of any Gateways to Opportunity Credential. *Additional information will be required.*

Print Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application to: INCCRRA/Applications • 1226 Towanda Plaza • Bloomington, IL 61701

Gateways Credential

Work & Practical Experience—Verification Form

Please complete and have this form signed by a supervisor, director, or the Human Resources department to validate your work experience providing direct service to children.

1. Use a separate section for each role and age group.
2. Use a separate **form** for each employer.
3. NOTE: The Illinois Director Credential requires teaching **AND** administrative experience.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Registry Member ID: _____

Teaching Position: _____

Start Date (MO/YR): _____ End Date (MO/YR): _____

Hours per week: _____ x Weeks per year: _____ x # of years: _____ = Total Hours: _____

Infants/Toddlers (0–3) Preschool (3–5) School-Age (5–12)

Teaching Position: _____

Start Date (MO/YR): _____ End Date (MO/YR): _____

Hours per week: _____ x Weeks per year: _____ x # of years: _____ = Total Hours: _____

Infants/Toddlers (0–3) Preschool (3–5) School-Age (5–12)

Administrative Position: _____

Start Date (MO/YR): _____ End Date (MO/YR): _____

Hours per week: _____ x Weeks per year: _____ x # of years: _____ = Total Hours: _____

Administration

Contact Information

Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Company Phone: _____

Signature and title of contact who can verify your work experience (other than yourself):

Date: _____

By signing the above, I verify that the information provided herein is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Information Update Form

SECTION 1 - CONTACT / PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Information Update form is used to update your information. Please fill out the Information Update Form and the corresponding program supplement to participate in a Gateways program. For questions and additional information please call (866) 697-8278 or visit us at www.ilgateways.com.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

Has your name changed in the last 12 months? Yes No If yes, list previous name: _____

Person ID/Registry Member ID: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please contact me at my: Home Address/Phone Work Address/Phone (if completing section 2)

SECTION 2 – CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Please complete this section only if you are currently in part-time or full-time paid employment in the fields of Early Care and Education, School-Age, Youth Development, or Early Childhood Family Support. **If this does not apply to you, please skip this section.**

Employer Business Name: _____

Work Site Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Fax: _____

Type of Program: (check only one)

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|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Child Care Center | <input type="radio"/> School-Age/Youth Development Program Only |
| <input type="radio"/> Family Child Care Home | <input type="radio"/> Public or Private School |
| <input type="radio"/> Group Family Child Care Home | <input type="radio"/> Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) |
| <input type="radio"/> Head Start | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |

This program is: Licensed by Illinois Department of Children and Family Services* License-Exempt N/A

*If Licensed, License ID number: _____ Licensed Capacity: _____

Date Employment Began: *(with this employer)* _____

Current Position Title: _____ Position Code: _____

Current Position Start Date: _____ *(refer to below)*

Hours worked per week: _____ Weeks worked per year: _____

Position Codes <i>(to be used above)</i>	
Direct Services to Children	
1. Director and/or Administrator (one-site)	10. Group Family Child Care Provider
2. Assistant Director	11. Group Family Child Care Assistant
3. Director/Teacher	12. School-Age Child Care Teacher
4. Teacher	13. School-Age Child Care Assistant
5. Assistant Teacher	14. Youth Development Practitioner
6. Teacher Aide (Preschool for All)	15. Other Direct Service
7. Substitute/Floater	23. Home Visitors
8. Family Child Care Provider	24. Home Visitor Supervisor
9. Family Child Care Assistant	25. Family, Friend, or Neighbor Caregiver
Indirect Services	
16. Director/Administrator (multi-site)	20. Education/Curriculum Coordinator
17. CCR&R Staff	21. Consultant
18. Higher Education Faculty/Staff	22. Other Indirect Services
19. Trainer	

Ages of Children You Currently Work With *(Family Child Care check all that apply, others check only one.)*

- Infant *(6 wks-14 months)*
- Toddler *(15-23 months)*
- Twos *(24-35 months)*
- Preschool *(3-5 years)*
- School-Age *(K-12 years)*
- Youth *(13-21 years)*
- Not Applicable *(N/A)*

SECTION 3 – APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I verify that all information provided is true and accurate. I understand that INCCRRA or the Illinois Department of Human Services may use my information for research/evaluation purposes. For more information, please view the Privacy Policy at: www.ilgateways.com. I also understand that I will become a member of the Gateways to Opportunity Registry. I understand that periodically a **limited** amount of my Registry record information may be released to IDDFS, IDHS, OECD and/or my program administrator in order to verify compliance with State requirements and/or ExceleRate Illinois standards. This information would be related to my Registry membership being current; number of training hours completed; and/or status or completion of certain training, formal education or credentials as required by the State and/or ExceleRate.

Print Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If applicant is under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian signature is required below.

Print Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

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