

Gateways to Opportunity® Infant Toddler Credential Framework

ECE Levels	General Education Requirements	Education and Training in Early Care & Education	Work and Practical Experience in Early Care & Education	Professional Contributions in Early Care & Education	ITC Levels	Education and Training in Infants & Toddlers	Work and Practical Experience in Infants & Toddlers
Level 6	Graduate Degree	30 points in ECE Content Areas of which a maximum of 6 points may be from Credential approved training, and 3 of those 6 points may come from assessment of prior learning	Minimum of 200 hours of ECE supervised experience or 1200 total hours of documented ECE work experience	Six professional contributions within the last five years, of which two must target infants, toddlers, and their families.	Level 6	18 points in IT specific education of which 6 points must be from graduate level IT coursework. 2 points must be in Infant Mental Health, and a maximum of 6 points may be from IT Credential approved training	3,600 hours of documented experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families
Level 5	Bachelor's Degree	30 points in the ECE Content Areas <i>(of level 5 benchmarks)</i> – of which a maximum of 6 points may be from Credential approved training, and 3 of those 6 points may come from assessment of prior learning	Minimum of 200 hours of ECE supervised experience or 1200 total hours of documented ECE work experience	↓ Renewal Only ↓ Verification of current membership in a professional organization Two additional professional contribution in any area, completed within the last 5 years	Level 5	12 points in specific Infant and Toddler education and approved training, of which a maximum of 6 points may be from IT Credential approved training	100 hours of supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 1800 hours of documented IT work experience
A Professional Educator License with endorsement in Early Childhood Education meets these requirements							
Level 4	Associate's Degree or 60+ semester hours (including the nine semester hours listed at level 3)	24 points in the ECE Content Areas <i>(of level 2-4 benchmarks)</i> – of which a maximum of 3 points may be from Credential approved training, and 1 of those 3 points may come from assessment of prior learning <i>(must include 20 clock hours of ECE observation)</i>	100 total hours of ECE supervised experience or 600 total hours of documented ECE work experience	Verification of current membership in a professional organization Two additional professional contribution in any area, completed within the last 5 years	Level 4	6 points in specific Infant and Toddler education and approved training, of which a maximum of 3 points may be from IT Credential approved training	50 hours of supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 900 hours of documented IT work experience
Level 3	Three semester hours: Math Three semester hours: English Three semester hours: General Education elective (Psychology, Sociology, etc) <i>(These 9 credits must be credit bearing)</i>	18 points in the ECE Content Areas <i>(of level 2-4 benchmarks)</i> – of which a maximum of 3 points may be from Credential approved training, and 1 of those 3 points may come from assessment of prior learning <i>(must include 20 clock hours of ECE observation)</i>	10 hours of ECE supervised experience or 400 total hours of documented ECE work experience	Verification of current membership in a professional organization One additional professional contribution in any area, completed within the last 5 years	Level 3	6 points in specific Infant and Toddler education and approved training, of which a maximum of 3 points may be from IT Credential approved training	10 hours of supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 450 hours of documented IT work experience
Level 2	High School Diploma or GED	12 points in the ECE Content Areas <i>(of level 2-4 benchmarks)</i> – 3 points in Human Growth and Development, 3 points in Health Safety and Well-Being, and 6 points from ECE electives or 6 points in ECE electives and a CDA, CCP, or Montessori Credential through AMS* 3 points may be from Credential approved training, and 1 of those 3 points may come from assessment of prior learning	10 hours of ECE observation or 200 hours of documented ECE work experience	Verification of current membership in a professional organization	Level 2	3 points in specific Infant and Toddler education and approved training, of which all 3 points may be from IT Credential approved training	5 hours of supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 200 hours of documented IT work experience