

# Gateways to Opportunity Direct Route Credentials Supplement Application

For questions and additional information about Gateways Credentials please call 866.697.8278 or visit us at [www.ilgateways.com](http://www.ilgateways.com).

## Credential(s) applying for:

### Level 1 ECE Credential

This credential is available to applicants who have completed the Level 1 ECE Credential Training. Please check which route applies below.

- Offered by Child Care Resource and Referral Agency – Copies of certificates that verify completion of all training components must be submitted.
- Offered as High School curriculum – Copy of certificate of completion must be submitted.

### Level 2-5 Credentials

Practitioners will be sent a portfolio to complete and submit that validates competencies and experience to the Gateways to Opportunity office. Practitioners not enrolled at an entitled institution utilize this process. The following credentials are available through the direct route:

- ECE Credential
- Infant Toddler Credential  
Individuals applying for the Infant Toddler Credential must meet all requirements for the ECE Credential. Additional fees will apply.
- Illinois Director Credential

## All Direct Route Participants must include application fees as noted below:

There are many factors that determine the cost for practitioners to become credentialed, but the average cost for a credential is \$575. The cost may be significantly less for applicants who already have their Type 04 certification. In order to begin the credential process, only the application fee of the \$75 is required (*see below*).

**All credential fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please note: The Level 1 ECE Credential has no fees.**

- \$75 Application Fee (*does not apply to the Level 1 ECE Credential*)
- \$75 Level Advancement Fee (*per credential*)
- \$75 Credential Renewal Fee (*applies to currently credentialed recipients*)
- \$225 Add-on Credential Fee (*per credential*)
- \$150 Assessment of Prior Learning Fee (*per assessment*)

Do you have a valid Illinois Type 04 Certificate?       Yes       No

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

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| <input type="radio"/> Center Director           | <input type="radio"/> Local Child Care Resource & Referral   | <input type="radio"/> Conference/Presentation |
| <input type="radio"/> Mailing                   | <input type="radio"/> Co-Worker                              | <input type="radio"/> Provider Association    |
| <input type="radio"/> Website/Social Networking | <input type="radio"/> Professional Development Advisor (PDA) | <input type="radio"/> Other _____             |

**All checks made payable to INCCRRA (all fees are non-refundable)**

## 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 and fees will be assessed as related to each credential.*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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