

## 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
<b>Level III</b>	Graduate Degree	21 points in the Administrative Content Areas  <small>Maximum of 6 points may be from credential approved training and/or assessment of prior learning. Points may be split between the Education and Training in Early Childhood/School-Age and Administration content areas</small>	30 points in the Gateways to Opportunity Content Areas	None	6000 hours of documented Early Childhood/School-Age administrative experience	Six professional contributions with a minimum of one in at least four different areas completed within the last five years. Must include documentation of specialized expertise.
<b>Level II</b>	Bachelor's Degree	15 points in the Administrative Content Areas  <small>Maximum of 6 points may be from credential approved training and/or assessment of prior learning. Points may be split between the Education and Training in Early Childhood/School-Age and Administration content areas</small>	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 <b>or</b> 3600 hours of documented Early Childhood/School-Age administrative experience	Four professional contributions with a minimum of one in at least three different areas completed within the last five years
<b>Level I</b>	Associate Degree	9 points in the Administrative Content Areas  <small>Maximum of 3 points may be from credential approved training and/or assessment of prior learning. Points may be split between the Education and Training in Early Childhood/School-Age and Administration content areas</small>	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 <b>or</b> 1200 hours of documented Early Childhood/School-Age administrative experience	Two professional contributions with a minimum of one in at least two different areas completed within the last five years

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.