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TRAINING TITLE/TOPIC	DOMAIN/ STANDARD	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	REQUIRED ATTENDEES	EXCELERATE-APPROVED TRAININGS AVAILABLE / EFFECTIVE DATE / FEE
ExceleRate Illinois Orientation		√	√	√	Administrator	*ExceleRate Illinois Orientation* ● * / December 2013 / Free
Environment Rating Scales -OR- CLASS Training	1A	√	√	√	Administrator 50% teaching staff	*An Introduction to the Environment Rating Scales* ▲ * / July 2007 / $10 -OR- CLASS training accepted at Silver and Gold only *Strategies for a Successful CLASS Observation* ● * / varies
Early Learning Guidelines for Children Birth to Age Three	1B / 1C	√			Administrator 50% teaching staff (trained on standards specific to the age group they care for)	*Illinois Early Learning Guidelines (IELG)* ● * / December 2013 / Free
Early Learning and Development Standards Preschool	1B / 1C	√			Administrator 50% teaching staff (trained on standards specific to the age group they care for)	*Illinois Early Learning & Development Standards (IELDS)* ● * August 2013 / Free
Curriculum	1B	√	√		**Bronze:** Administrator 50% teaching staff (trained on overview of curricula or a specific curriculum aligned with IELG/IELDS)	*Finding a Curriculum that Works for You* ● * / April 2014 / Free
					Silver: 50% teaching staff (trained on specific curriculum or curriculum implementation)	*Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Twos* *; *Creative Curriculum for Preschool - 5th Edition* * / January 2004 / $20 *Off the Shelf and into Practice: Using Your Curriculum Every Day* ● * July 2015 / Free
Child Screening	1D	√			Administrator	*Introduction to Developmental Screening Tools* ● * / March 2014 / $10 -OR- *Early Childhood Developmental Screening (ECDS)* * December 2007 / $15
Child Assessment	1E	√			Administrator	*Fundamentals of Child Assessment* ● * / April 2014 / $10
Inclusion of Children with Special Needs	1F	√	√	√	**Bronze/Silver:** Administrator 50% teaching staff	*Welcoming Each & Every Child (WEEC)* ■ ● * / any duration November 2012 / $15 -OR-
					Gold: All classroom staff	*Special Care* / any duration / 2004–2012

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▲ *Administrator and Preschool Teaching staff will need to complete the ECERS-3 update or take the ERS training available after July 2017.*

■ *Teaching Staff that have completed an Associate or higher degree in Child Development, Early Childhood Education, Special Education, or closely related field, have met the 1F- Children with Special Needs standard (across all circles) and will not need to show proof of completing the "Welcoming Each and Every Child" training. This will be confirmed through official transcripts from an accredited college/universities.*

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Family & Community Engagement	2A	√			Administrator	*Family and Community - Partners in Learning* ● * / June 2014 / $10
Transitions	2B	√			Administrator	*An Introduction to Transitions* ● * / June 2014 / $10
Program Administration	3A	√	√	√	Administrator	*Getting Ready for the PAS* ● * / July 2007 / $15
Continuous Quality Improvement	3C	√			Administrator	*Understanding and Planning for Continuous Quality Improvement* ● * June 2014 / $10
Linguistically & Culturally Appropriate Practice	3D	√			Administrator 50% teaching staff	*Basics of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Practice* ● * April 2014 / Free
Staff Development	4C	√			Administrator (or staff responsible for professional development planning)	*Creating Individual Professional Development Plans* ● * June 2014 / $10

Gateways Credentials (i.e. ECE Credential levels 3-5, Infant Toddler Credential levels 3-5, Illinois Director Credential levels I-III, and the Family Child Care Credential levels 4-5) meet the following ExceleRate Illinois training requirements (across all circles of quality):

- Finding a Curriculum that Works for You
- Introduction to Developmental Screening Tools
- Fundamentals of Child Assessment
- Welcoming Each & Every Child
- Family and Community: Partners in Learning
- An Introduction to Transitions
- Understanding and Planning for Continuous Quality Improvement
- Basics of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Practice
- Creating Individual Professional Development Plans

Gateways Family Child Care Credential level 3 meets the following ExceleRate Illinois training requirements (across all circles of quality):

- Finding a Curriculum that Works for You

Preschool for All funded teachers/assistants within licensed child care centers are not required to take the ExceleRate Illinois Circle of Quality required training or the professional development hours at 4C. However, staff may attend ExceleRate approved training if they choose.

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