

DVR Meeting

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Child Care

Members Present: Mary Rinchiuso (Triton), Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Georgina Roney (Proviso West), Patty Heidel (Proviso East), and Kristina Belpedio (Oak Park River Forest), and Susan Brenner (Riverside Brookfield)

1. Update of Gateways Certification

- a. Illinois colleges are now required to align their curriculum with the Gateways Certification.
- b. Mary Rinchiuso from Triton will be working to align Triton's curriculum with Gateways.
- c. The changes involve curriculum and an increase in observation hours required at each level.

2. Uploading lessons to DVR Blog

- a. Teachers are encouraged to upload lessons to the DVR blog.
- b. To view the blog, teachers should go to <http://www.dvr-efe.org/welcome/> to view the lesson plans that have been posted. Teachers should choose a category on the left side, to view the available subject areas.
- c. To add lessons to the blog...
 - i. Email dyaneck@sbcglobal.net to get log in credentials.
 - ii. Log in at this [link](#):
 - iii. You may watch this [video](#) for a tutorial

3. Dual Credit

- a. Early Childhood is under Arts and Sciences which requires a master's degree in field in order to teach a dual credit course.
- b. Triton's programs transfer to a 4-year institution for bachelor's degrees.

4. Summer DVR Career Camps

- a. DVR has discontinued funding of the DVR Career Camps.
- b. The ECE department does not have available funds for hosting a career camp.

5. 4 Year Articulation Programs within Triton's Education Program

- a. UIC
- b. Concordia
- c. Eastern Illinois University
- d. Northeastern Illinois
- e. National Louis University

6. Challenges to ECE Students

- a. Students are struggling to pass the ACT/TAP test which is required for a 4-year degree.
- b. The ACT requirement is 22.
- c. The TAP requirement is equivalent to a 27 on the ACT.