

DVR Meeting
February 28, 2018
Child Care Advisory Council Meeting

Members Present: Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Dana Thomas (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Connie Jesukaitis(Proviso West), Patty Heidel (Proviso East), Cindy Mentone (Triton), MaryAnn Olson (Triton), Kristina Belepiedo (Oak Park River Forest), Natalie Hornik (Oak Park River Forest), Peggy Snowden (Concordia University), Kathleen Briseno (Concordia University)

1. Growing Shortage in ECE and EDU

- a. There is a growing shortage of ECE credentialed employees
 - i. All ECE employees in ECE facilities must be credentialed.
 - 1. As the cost and time demand of the credentialing process grows, the fewer employees are available to fill the positions.
 - 2. The pay is not commensurate with the education needed for the credentials.
 - ii. There is also a growing shortage of teachers.
 - 1. Many teacher candidates struggle to pass the required tests.
 - 2. Changes in the teaching profession may be a deterrent.
 - 3. Safety within the teaching profession may be a deterrent.
 - 4. Compensation does not always keep up with cost of living.
 - iii. Employers are working with Triton to find qualified employees.
 - 1. They encourage students to start working in ECE facilities to gain experience and work towards their credentials.
 - 2. Employers have more openings than qualified candidates for the positions.

2. Triton College Updates

- a. Triton articulates with Concordia
 - i. Early Childhood Education
 - ii. K-12 Education
 - iii. Special Education
 - iv. Scholarships and grants are available to students to help them finance their college expenses.
- b. Mary Ann also mentioned that students should apply for the Golden Apple Scholarship. They award money to several winners.

3. Dual Credit

- a. Student may earn 12 credits in dual credit
- b. High school students must earn a C or better for dual credit
- c. This saves over \$1400 in Triton tuition
- d. Courses include:
 - i. EDU 105 – Technology
 - ii. EDU 110 – Diversity
 - iii. ECE 146 – Child, Family and Community
 - iv. ECE 151 – Communicating with Parents
 - v. ECE 152 – Principles of Child Growth and Development
 - vi. ECE 153 – Guiding Children and Managing a Classroom

4. Gateway Flyers are attached.

Gateways to Opportunity

ECE, Infant Toddler and Illinois Director

Credentials

Gateways to Opportunity

Gateways to Opportunity is a statewide professional development system, designed to support Illinois early care and education, school-age and youth development practitioners.

Gateways to Opportunity Credentials and Higher Education Institutions

Triton College has aligned its coursework with the requirements for the ECE, Infant Toddler (ITC) and Illinois Director (IDC) Credentials. Students who complete specific required courses which meet Gateways Credential requirements may receive Credential(s) recognized by the state of Illinois.

Triton College

Completion of the following courses at Triton College can lead to attainment of the Gateways Credentials.

Take the following coursework to qualify for the ECE Credential Level 2:

ECE 110	Child, Growth, & Development
ECE 111	Introduction to ECE
ECE 118	Health, Safety, and Nutrition
ECE 138	Observation & Guidance

Add the following coursework and complete an Associate's Degree to qualify for ECE Credential Level 4:

ECE 121	Language Development
ECE 233	Creative Activities for Young Children
ECE 231	Science and Math for Young Children
ECE 142	Students with Disabilities
ECE 146	Child, Family, and Community
ECE 251	Practicum
ECE 252	Seminar

Meet the requirements for ECE Credential Level 2 and add the following coursework to qualify for the ITC Level 2:

ECE 115	Infant/Toddler Development
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Meet the requirements for ITC Level 2, ECE Credential Level 4, and add the following coursework to qualify for the ITC Level 4:

ECE 122	Infant/Toddler Care and Curriculum
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Meet the requirements for ECE Credential Level 4 and add the following coursework to qualify for the IDC Level I:

ECE 250	Administration & Supervision
HIA 115	Food Service and Sanitation
HIA 115	First Aid CPR

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- Online Job Board
- Gateways Training Calendar
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 - Infant Toddler Credential
 - School-Age & Youth Development Credential
 - Illinois Director Credential
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 - Family Specialist Credential
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- Create a professional development plan
- Learn about college certificates, degrees and credentials
- Select courses and/or trainings to meet your goals
- Review requirements for a degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Elementary Education, Youth Development, Educator Licensure, or obtaining Gateways credentials
- Explore financial assistance for coursework or training

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