

# Get Ready



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As your program is preparing for an ExceleRate™ Illinois Circle of Quality follow these tips below in planning for the application process.

## Licensed Child Care Centers Can:

- Attend an ExceleRate™ Illinois Orientation (Required for Program Administrators).
- Contact your local CCR&R Quality or Infant Toddler Specialist for technical assistance and consultation. They are available to provide services related to ERS and PAS, as well as assistance with developing CQIPS.
- Ask each of your teaching staff to print a copy of their Gateways Registry Professional Development Record (PDR) for the time frame they have worked in child care.
- Use the Required Training Grid ([www.excelerateillinoisproviders.com/how-it-works/licensed-child-care](http://www.excelerateillinoisproviders.com/how-it-works/licensed-child-care)) to track which training(s) your staff have completed that will count towards ExceleRate™ requirements. Trainings reported in sections 3, 4 and 5 on the PDR are accepted.
- View the online tutorial about Gateways Credentials at <http://www.ilgateways.com/en/credentials>.
- Determine the number of your staff that have achieved a Gateways Credential on their Gateways Registry PDR in section 1.
- Use the ExceleRate™ Illinois and Gateways to Opportunity® Credentials Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at [www.excelerateillinoisproviders.com/resources/helpful-links](http://www.excelerateillinoisproviders.com/resources/helpful-links) to help calculate the number of teaching staff that need a Credential, for the Circle of Quality you are applying.
- Help staff attain Credentials and trainings your program needs for the Circle of Quality you are seeking.

Visit [www.excelerateillinois.com](http://www.excelerateillinois.com) for more information.



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