

TOTAL # CLASSROOMS AT SITE: _____

1/2 DAY CLASSROOMS/SESSIONS _____ # FULL DAY CLASSROOMS/SESSIONS _____

CURRENT ENROLLMENT: TOTAL HS (AGES 0 – 3) _____ TOTAL HS (AGES 3 – 5) _____

Section 3 - Standards and Evidence

4A/4B – DIRECTOR AND STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

*Note: if program holds **AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY (AMS) ACCREDITATION**, this section is N/A and you do not need to complete. Proceed to section 4.*

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| 1. Director holds Illinois Director Credential 1 or higher. | <input type="radio"/> YES | <input type="radio"/> NO |
| 2. 30% of Teaching staff have a minimum of a Gateways ECE Credential Level 3. | <input type="radio"/> YES | <input type="radio"/> NO |
| 3. 30% of Teaching staff in infant-toddler classrooms have a Gateways Infant Toddler Credential Level 2. | <input type="radio"/> YES | <input type="radio"/> NO |

Administrator and Teaching staff must hold the applicable Gateways Credential, or have a pending application on file. If not meeting the applicable Credential, the program administrator/staff may write a CQIP to outline goals, action steps, specific coursework/training the individual can accomplish over the year to work towards the applicable Credential. The program administrator/staff should use the letter each individual received from the Credential Department to guide CQIP development in what coursework/training is needed. **Updated CQIP of accomplishments will be required at annual report and progress must be shown towards Standards 4A and 4B Credential attainment.**

Please refer to the ExceleRate/Credentials FAQ for additional details <https://www.exceleRateillinoisproviders.com/docman/resources/61-09-26-14-exceleRate-credential-faq/file>

Section 4 - Certification Acknowledgement and Application Authorization

1. Please submit a copy of your program's current valid accreditation certificate from a state approved accrediting body.

Please check one:

- AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY (AMS) ACCREDITATION
- COGNIA ACCREDITATION
- COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS
- NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COMMISSION (NAC)
- NATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM ACCREDITATION (NECPA)
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NAEYC) ACCREDITATION +

Note: NAEYC accreditation includes three tiers: Recognition, Accreditation, and Accreditation +. For ExceleRate the **Accreditation+** tier is recognized.

I verify that I have read this paragraph and that all information provided herein is true and accurate. By signing below, I understand that INCCRRA will use my signature as authorization to verify any information and documents I have submitted as part of this application. I understand that a site determined to have submitted fraudulent, altered, or false documentation or information may be banned from INCCRRA administered programs for a time period to be determined by the Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC). Any benefit received by or paid on behalf of the site as a result of fraudulent, altered, or false documentation or information must be reimbursed to INCCRRA by the site as determined by IDEC. I understand that staff employed by a site that has submitted fraudulent, altered, or false documentation or information will be unable to participate in INCCRRA administered programs while employed at that site. I understand if awarded an ExceleRate Circle of Quality, that information will be made publicly available and aggregated site information may be used for research/evaluation purposes.

SIGNATURE, PROGRAM AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____