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TRAINING TITLE/TOPIC	DOMAIN/ STANDARD	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	REQUIRED ATTENDEES	EXCELERATE-APPROVED TRAININGS AVAILABLE / EFFECTIVE DATE / FEE
ExceleRate Illinois Orientation for Licensed Family Child Care (LFCC)		√	√	√	FCC Provider	*ExceleRate Illinois Orientation for Licensed Family Child Care (LFCC)* ●* / January 2022
Learning Environment	1A	√	√	√	FCC Provider	*An Introduction to the Environment Rating Scales* * / July 2007 - June 2025 -OR- *An Introduction to the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale – Revised* */ November 2009-June 2025* -OR- *How ERS Works* ●* / 2025
Safe and Healthy Environment	1B	√			FCC Provider & Assistant○	*Caring for Mixed-Ages of Children* / July 2015 ●*
Interactions	1C	√			FCC Provider	*An Introduction to the Environment Rating Scales* * / July 2007 - June 2025 -OR- *An Introduction to the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale – Revised* */ November 2009-June 2025* -OR- *How ERS Works* ●* / 2025 -OR- *Making FCCERS-R Work For You: Increasing Quality & Impact in Your Family Child Care*
Curriculum and Child Assessment	1D	√	√		FCC Provider	***Bronze:*** *Fundamentals of Child Assessment* ●* / April 2014 -AND- *Illinois Early Learning Guidelines* ●* *(IELG)* / December 2013 -AND- *Illinois Early Learning & Development Standards (IELDS)* ●* / August 2013 -AND- *Finding a Curriculum that Works for You* ●* / April 2014 -OR- *Off the Shelf and into Practice: Using Your Curriculum Every Day* ●* / July 2015 -OR- *Training on a specific curriculum* ***Silver:*** *Illinois Early Learning Guidelines (IELG)* ●* / December 2013 -AND- *Illinois Early Learning & Development Standards (IELDS)* ●* / August 2013 -AND- *Off the Shelf and into Practice: Using Your Curriculum Every Day* ●* / July 2015 -OR- *ExceleRate-Approved training on a specific curriculum*
Child Screening▲	1E	√	√	√	FCC Provider	*Introduction to Developmental Screening Tools* ●* / March 2014 -OR- *Early Childhood Developmental Screening (ECDS)* * / December 2007

● = Available on-line
*** = Available in Spanish**

○ Trainings noted are required for FCC provider and any assistant required per Illinois child care licensing regulation for proper staff to child ratios.

▲ Required at Silver and Gold if completing own child screenings.

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Inclusion of Children with Special Needs	1F	√	√	√	FCC Provider & Assistant○	*Welcoming Each & Every Child (WEEC)* ■ ● * / *any duration* / November 2012 -OR- *Special Care* / *any duration* / 2004-2012
Linguistically and Culturally Appropriate Practice	1G	√			FCC Provider & Assistant○	*Basics of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Practice* ● * / April 2014
Family-Provider Communication and Collaboration	2A	√			FCC Provider	*Family and Community – Partners in Learning* ● * / June 2014
Connecting and Supporting Families	2B	√			FCC Provider	*Family and Community – Partners in Learning* ● * / June 2014
Transitions	2C	√			FCC Provider	*An Introduction to Transitions* ● * / June 2014
Business Administration	3A	√	√	√	FCC Provider	*Getting Ready for the BAS* ● * ♦ / December 2007 / $15
Continuous Quality Improvement	3C	√			FCC Provider	*Understanding and Planning for Continuous Quality Improvement* ● * / June 2014
Ongoing Professional Development	4D	√			FCC Provider	*Creating Individual Professional Development Plans* ● * / June 2014

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

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■ Family Child Care Providers, assistants and substitutes 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/university.

♦ FCC Provider will need to complete BAS 2nd Edition update or take the Getting Ready for the BAS after 10/1/18.

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