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Arkansas Infant Toddler Certificate

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCCECE) offers the Infant Toddler Certificate to support practitioners in acquiring skills and knowledge as part of a career pathway in the field of Infant and Toddler Care. The Certificate contains three levels of training: foundation, intermediate, and advanced, for each practitioner to complete. Upon completion of all levels, practitioners can expect to build their professional competencies in supporting a young child’s social-emotional, cognitive, language, and literacy development. The Certificate provides a route to higher education for the preparation of all infant toddler teachers. This certificate will also prepare its recipients to educate children with special needs.

All training must be completed within **five** years prior to the date on the application.

There is no fee to apply for or to receive this certificate.

Certificate Prerequisite:

Complete of **1** of the following: AR New Staff Orientation, Child Care Orientation Training, or Family Child Care Provider Training.

Advanced Level			
Focus: responsive caregiving, curriculum planning, partnerships with families, & child assessment			
Minimum Required Hours: 25			
Must complete at least 2 courses			
Hours	Training		
18	Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse and Neglect		
24	Responsive Routines for Infants & Toddlers (5 modules - online)		
18	Children as Thinkers and Learners (3 modules)		
12	Role of the Program Director		
24	Cradling Literacy		
30	Working with Young Children and Families		
16	Infant Toddler Standards: Arkansas CDELS		
16	Teaching Infants & Toddlers (PITC)		
21	The Growing Brain: Birth to Five		
12	Classroom-based Assessment		
20	Critical Competencies: Supporting Social-Emotional Development		
14	Critical Competencies: Supporting Cognitive Development		
11	Critical Competencies: Supporting Language and Literacy Development		

Intermediate Level			
Focus: child development, learning, curriculum, assessment, & family engagement			
Minimum Required Hours: 20			
Must complete at least 2 courses			
Hours	Training		
6	Ounce Scale Introduction		
6	New Teacher ITERS		
24	Conscious Discipline for Infants & Toddlers		
3	ITERS (Infant & Toddler Environment Rating Scale)		
10	Essential Teaching Practices: Infant & Toddler (4 modules)		
5	Putting It All Together		
5	Prerequisites: Responsive Routines and Powerful Play for Infants & Toddlers		
15	Child Development: Birth to Three		
3	ITERS Refresher		
2	Developmentally Appropriate Physical Experiences for Infants & Toddlers)		
3	Ages and Stages		
2	Ages and Stages SE		

Foundation Level			
Focus: child development & learning			
Minimum Required Hours: 15			
Hours	Training		
10	Powerful Play for Infants & Toddlers (5 modules online)		
10	Making First Experiences Count (4 sessions)		
3	Baby Steps: Responsive Infant and Toddler Care		
2	Safe Baby		
10	Responsive Routines for Infants & Toddlers (5 modules - online)		
6	Caring for Infants & Toddlers		

If taken prior to July 1, 2019, the following courses will be accepted: **Foundation:** Making First Experiences Count (3-sessions (6)) Hands on Routine Care (10); Basic Care for Infants & Toddlers (6) **Intermediate:** Early Care & Education Direct (20); Curriculum Institute: Infant & Toddler (18); Teaching Infants & Toddlers (16) **Advanced:** Planning Curriculum for Infants & Toddlers (6); Mathematical Thinking in Infants & Toddlers (2); Supporting Creative Development in Infants & Toddlers (2); Respecting Infants & Toddlers as Thinkers and Learners (3)