



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.

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		
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) (4 modules)		
21	The Growing Brain: Birth to Five		
12	Classroom-based Assessment		
20	Social-Emotional Development for Infant/Toddler		
14	Cognitive Development for Infant/Toddler		
11	Language and Literacy Development for Infant/Toddler		

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 Classroom Staff ITERS		
24	Conscious Discipline for Infants & Toddlers		
3	ITERS (Infant and Toddler Environment Rating Scale)		
1.5	Ounce Scale Refresher		
10	Essential Teaching Practices: Infant & Toddler (4 modules)		
15	Child Development: Birth to Three		
3	ITERS Refresher		
2	Developmentally Appropriate Physical Experiences for Infants & Toddlers		
3	Ages and Stages		
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Foundation Level			
Focus: child development & learning			
Minimum Required Hours: 15			
Hours	Training		
10	Powerful Play for Infants & Toddlers (5 modules)		
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)		
3	Infant Toddler Care 101		
3	Infant Toddler Care 102		

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)



Arkansas Infant Toddler Certificate Application

Applicant Information:					
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					Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
					Race:
Mailing Address		City / State		ZIP	Home Phone /Cell
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Street Address		City / State		County	ZIP
					PDR #:
Highest Grade Completed:	Your Position:		Number of years in your position:	E-mail Address:	
Child Care Facility Information:					
Site Name:				Better Beginnings Level: <input type="checkbox"/> Star Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Star Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Star Level 3	
Mailing Address		City / State		ZIP	Site Phone:
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Street Address		City / State		County	ZIP
					Facility Number:
Owner/Director Name:		Do you supervisor the applicant listed above? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		E-mail Address:	

Reflection Questions

Please answer each question in 200 words or less. Use a separate sheet to respond.

1. Why did you decide to complete the Infant Toddler certificate?

2. In what way has working toward the Infant Toddler certificate strengthened your practice?

Application Checklist

- Ensure that all training requirements have been met.

- Print and attach a copy of your PDR transcript and highlight all training that applies to this certificate.

- Complete and attach documentation for Interactive TA visit.

- Complete and submit Infant Toddler Certificate application.