



Office of Child Care & Early Childhood

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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.

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)



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Arkansas Infant Toddler Certificate Application

Applicant Information: First Name MI Last Name Date of Birth: Gender: Race: Mailing Address City / State ZIP Home Phone / Cell 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: Mailing Address City / State ZIP Site Phone: Street Address City / State County ZIP Facility Number: Owner/Director Name: Do you supervisor the applicant listed above? 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.