



Division of Childcare and Early Childhood Education

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Arkansas Infant Toddler Certificate

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCCECE) offers an 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 Infant Toddler Certificate contains three levels of training, foundation, intermediate, and advanced, for each practitioner to complete. Upon completion of all three levels, practitioners can expect to build their professional competencies in supporting a young child’s social-emotional, cognitive, language, and literacy development. The Infant Toddler 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.

Individuals applying for this certificate are not required to pay a fee for submitting an application OR obtaining the certificate, **BUT MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH LEVEL OF TRAINING LISTED BELOW:**

***All training for this certificate must have been completed within five years of the date on the participant’s application.**

Prerequisite

Document knowledge of Arkansas Minimum Licensing Requirements by completing one of the trainings listed below.

- ✓ AR New Staff Orientation
- ✓ Child Care Orientation Training
- ✓ Family Child Care Provider Training

Level 1	(15 or more clock hours)	Level 2	(20 or more clock hours)	Level 3	(25 or more clock hours)
	Foundation level knowledge of child development and learning Foundation level knowledge of the adult's role in supporting children's development and learning in a safe and healthy environment.	Intermediate level training on child development, learning, curriculum, assessment, and family engagement. *A minimum of two courses must be from Level 2 and a minimum of two courses must be from Level 3.		Intermediate and Advanced level knowledge of responsive caregiving, curriculum planning, partnerships with families, and child assessment. *A minimum of two courses must be from Level 2 and a minimum of two courses must be from Level 3.	
Clock Hours	Training	Clock Hours	Training	Clock Hours	Training
6	Making First Experiences Count (3 two-hour sessions online or face-to-face)	20	Early Care and Education Direct [5 four-hour modules online]	16	Infant Toddler Standards: Arkansas CDELS
3	Baby Steps: Responsive Infant and Toddler Care	15	Child Development: Birth to Three	3	Respecting Infants and Toddlers as Thinkers and Explorers
10	Hands-on Routine Care (10 one-hour modules online)	24	Conscious Discipline for Infants and Toddlers	21	The Growing Brain
6	Basic Care for Infants and Toddlers	18	Curriculum Institute: Infant and Toddler	24	Cradling Literacy
2	Safe Baby	6	Ounce Scale Introduction	6	Planning Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers
		3	ITERS-R	12	Classroom-Based Assessment
		6	ABC New Teacher ITERS Training	45	Critical Competencies for Infant Toddler Educators
		3	ABC ITERS Refresher	30	Working Effectively with Very Young Children and Their Families
		2	Developmentally Appropriate Physical Experiences for Infants and Toddlers	2	Mathematical Thinking in Infants and Toddlers
		3	Ages and Stages	18	Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse and Neglect
		2	Ages and Stages SE	2	Supporting Creative Development in Infants and Toddlers
		16	Teaching Infants and Toddlers	12	Role of the Program Director

Arkansas Infant Toddler Certificate Application

Applicant Information:								
First Name		MI	Last Name		Date of Birth:	Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race:
Mailing Address		City / State		ZIP	Home Phone: () -		Cell Phone: () -	
Street Address		City / State		County	ZIP	TAPP/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: () -	
Street Address		City / State		County	ZIP	Facility Number:		
Owner/Director Name:		Do you supervise 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. *Applicants may use additional pages as needed.*

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 TAPP/PDR transcript and highlight all training that applies to this certificate.

- Attached documentation for completed Interactive TA visit.

- Complete and submit your Infant Toddler certificate application.