

# **What a Difference a Year Makes**

**The Gateways ECE Level 2  
Virtual-reality PLA Project**

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# Hello!

## Let's get acquainted ~

Please **put your institution's name** in the Chat AND tell us what you currently use **to award ECE prior learning credit** (PLC) at your institution.

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# The PLA Instrument

Statewide  
ECE  
Faculty  
Work

# Instrument Development

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## 2021-22

- Faculty wrote workplace challenge scenarios eliciting performance of the 12 Level 2 Credential competencies
- Workshopped simulations with employers and students
- Began avatar, environment development

## 2022-23

- Scenario editing, live-action video in a preschool with teachers
- Faculty evaluation training, use of GoReact for scoring
- Piloted core set of simulations to inform further editing of remaining scenarios
- Developed Spanish language edition



**Gateways to Opportunity®**  
**Illinois Prior Learning Assessment Learner Enrollment Form**

**Gateways Registry Membership/ID Required**

Thank you for enrolling in the Illinois Prior Learning Assessment opportunity. You may be able to earn college credit at an institution of your choice through this project (funded by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, Preschool-Development 0-5 federal grant).

Fill out the form carefully for enrollment in the Illinois Prior Learning Assessment opportunity.

**Learner:**  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gateways Registry Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address**  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark One)  Cell  Home  Work  Other:  
Secondary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark One)  Cell  Home  Work  Other:

Current Job/Role (use your main role if you have more than one) : \_\_\_\_\_

**Ages of Children with which You Currently Work:**  
 Preschool (3 - 5 years old)  Infant Toddler (Birth to 36 months)  School Age (6 - 12 years old)

How many years of experience do you have working in the Early Childhood field (birth to 8 years)?:  
 1 year  2 years  3 years  4 years  5-7 years  8-10 years  11-13 years  14-16 years  16+ years

Please provide the institution that you want your results shared with, Select One

Reminder, if you are not currently registered in Gateways, please do so before submitting this form.  
Submit this form to [PLAinfo@inccra.org](mailto:PLAinfo@inccra.org)

# Learner Recruitment & Enrollment

*Pilot institutions:*

CLC, HCC, KISH, MCH, CSU, EIU, GSU, NLU, WIU

# The ECE VR PLA Instrument Process



## Learner Enrollment

Gateways website application  
Directed to appointment website  
Orientation packet, introductory video  
Learner indicates IHE to send video capture to for evaluation



## Learner Completion

Learner logs in for appointment  
Simulation Specialist (actor)  
engages Learner in four simulations  
of workplace challenges  
Interaction is video captured



## Faculty Video Capture Evaluation

Evaluation completed at GoReact  
Trained faculty tags instances of 12  
competencies' demonstrations/  
missed opportunities to  
demonstrate



## Evaluation Conversion

Faculty evaluator determines credit  
earned, based on competencies  
evidenced



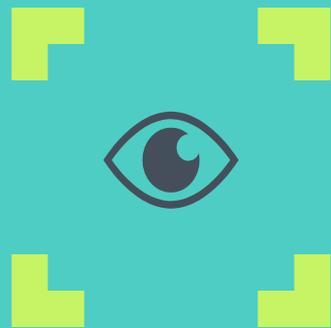
## Administrative Approval

Internal campus administrators  
process credit assigned by faculty  
evaluator



## Transcribed Credit

IHE indicates course credit earned  
through this PLA according to its  
policies



# Take a Peek

See what a Faculty Evaluator sees

*Please put questions in the Chat*



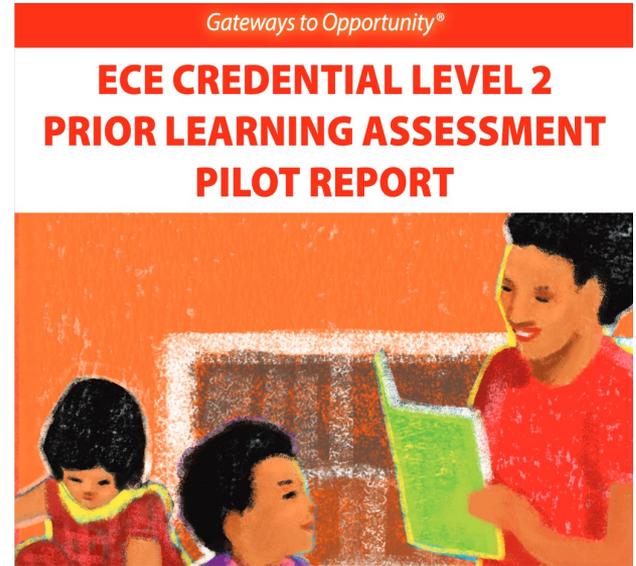
***Thoughts from  
project  
participant***

***Dr. Katy Hisrich,  
GSU ~***

# What We've Learned

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- Staff, employers, faculty, admins are enthusiastic and appreciate its authenticity, efficiency—and see the need for a new way to PLA for the incumbent workforce
- Prior learning assessment (PLA), awarding prior learning credit (PLC) rely upon *faculty consensus* and *curricular structure* as well as *policy, standardization*



# 2. PLA Infrastructure

Creating a  
PLA  
Framework  
for Illinois

# PLA Outcomes: PLC

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- 12 Level 2 ECE Credential Competencies: HGD (3), HSW (2), IRE (2), FCR (3), PPD (2)
- Type of ECE credit awarded for these competencies currently varies across IHEs
- Amount/configuration of credit also varies

# Health, Safety, and Well-Being (HSW)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
HSW1	NTR 2100 Personal Nutrition 1.5 Credit	PSU-HLTH Health or one of these: HLSC 2100, 4100, 4130 Health & Safety 1.5 Credits	CHLD 228 Foundations of Health, Safety and Well-Being (2 credits with HSW2) With CHILD 229 (1 credit) = CHLD 202 3 credits	ECE 125 Early Childhood Nutrition, Health, and Safety 1.5 Credits	Currently HSW is applied differently depending on student needs in their degree pathway.	ECE 222 Child Nutrition and Health 1 credit
HSW2	NTR 2100 Personal Nutrition 1.5 Credit	PSU-HLTH Health or one of these: HLSC 2100, 4100, 4130 Health & Safety 1.5 Credits	CHLD 228 Foundations of Health, Safety and Well-Being (2 credits with HSW1) With CHILD 229 (1 credit) = CHLD 202 3 credits	ECE 125 Early Childhood Nutrition, Health, and Safety 1.5 Credits	Currently HSW is applied differently depending on student needs in their degree pathway. .	ECE 222 Child Nutrition and Health 1 credit

- Personal Nutrition and Health
- Foundations of Health, Safety, and Well-Being
- Childhood Nutrition, Health, and Safety
- Child Nutrition and Health

# Human Growth and Development (HGD)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
HGD1	HSL 1800 Human Development 1 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1 Credit	CHLD 121 Foundations of Child Development (2 credits with HDG2 and HDG3) With CHLD 122 (1 credit) = CHLD 102 3 credits	ECE 120 Child Growth & Development 1 Credit	<b>ECH 481 or ECH 380</b> depending on student track (licensure or nonlicensure)	ECE 111 The Developing Child 1 credit
HGD2	HSL 1800 Human Development 1 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1 Credit	CHLD 121 Foundations of Child Development (2 credits with HDG1 and HDG3) With CHLD 122 (1 credit) = CHLD 102 3 credits	ECE 120 Child Growth & Development 1 Credit	<b>ECH 481 or ECH 380</b> depending on student track (licensure or nonlicensure)	ECE 110 Foundations of ECE 1 credit
HGD3	HSL 1800 Human Development 1 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1 Credit	CHLD 121 Foundations of Child Development (2 credits with HDG1 and HDG2) With CHLD 122 (1 credit) = CHLD 102 3 credits	ECE 120 Child Growth & Development 1 Credit	<b>ECH 481 or ECH 380</b> depending on student track (licensure or nonlicensure)	ECE 111 The Developing Child 1 credit

- Human Development
- Educational Psychology
- Foundations of Child Development
- Child Growth & Development
- Developing Child

# Family and Community Relationships (FCR)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
FCR1	HSL 4854 Leadership in Family Life Education 1 Credit	EDUC 2310 Foundations of Education – partial credit 1 Credit	CHLD 238 Foundations of Child, Family and Community (2 credits with FCR2, FCR3) With CHLD 239 (1 credit) = CHLD 209 3 credits)	ECE 155 Child, Family, and Community Relationships 1 Credit	<b>ECH 276</b> (.5 hour) - however this includes completion of a project as well.	ECE 161 Family-Community Relationships 1 credit
FCR2	HSL 4854 Leadership in Family Life Education 1 Credit	EDUC 2310 Foundations of Education – partial credit 1 Credit	CHLD 238 Foundations of Child, Family and Community (2 credits with FCR1, FCR3) With CHLD 239 (1 credit) = CHLD 209 3 credits)	ECE 155 Child, Family, and Community Relationships 1 Credit	<b>ECH 276</b> (.5 hour)	ECE 161 Family-Community Relationships 1 credit
FCR3	HSL 4854 Leadership in Family Life Education 1 Credit	EDUC 2310 Foundations of Education – partial credit 1 Credit	CHLD 238 Foundations of Child, Family and Community (2 credits with FCR1, FCR2) With CHLD 239 (1 credit) = CHLD 209 3 credits)	ECE 155 Child, Family, and Community Relationships 1 Credit	<b>ECH 276</b> (1 hour) - this includes completion of a project to get the whole 2.0 credit courses for the FCR competencies.	ECE 161 Family-Community Relationships 1 credit

- Leadership in Family Life Education
- Foundations of Education
- Foundations of Child, Family, and Community
- Child, Family, and Community Relationships
- Family-Community Relationships

# Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
IRE1	HSL 4859 Resiliency in Family 1.5 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1.5 Credits	CHLD 103 Environmental Design to Support Children's Play 3 Credits (with IRE2)	ECE 229 Early Childhood Curriculum and Activities 1 Credit	<b>C&amp;I 110</b> (not currently a Gateways course so we need to revisit this one)	ECE 111 The Developing Child 1 credit
IRE2	HSL 4859 Resiliency in Family 1.5 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 1.5 Credits	CHLD 103 Environmental Design to Support Children's Play 3 Credits (with IRE1)	ECE 229 Early Childhood Curriculum and Activities 1 Credits	<b>C&amp;I 110</b> (not currently a Gateways course so we need to revisit this one -	ECE 110 Foundations of ECE 1 credit
<b>Total Possible Credit</b>	<b>12-15 Credits</b>	<b>12-15 Credits</b>	<b>12 Credits</b>	<b>12-13 Credits</b>	<b>9-12 credits depending on... it will be 13 hours</b>	<b>12 Credits</b>

- Resiliency in Family
- Educational Psychology
- Environmental Design to Support Children's Play
- Early Childhood Curriculum and Activities
- The Developing Child
- Foundations of ECE

# Personal and Professional Development (PPD)

Gateways Level 2 Competencies	EIU	GSU	Heartland	MCC	WIU	Kishwaukee
PPD1	HSL 3220 Introduction to Early Childhood Program 1.5 Credit	EDUC 2310 Foundations of Education – partial credit	CHLD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education 3 Credits (with PPD2)	ECE 115 Early Childhood Education 1 Credit	<b>C&amp;I 110</b> (not currently a Gateways course so we need to revisit this one)	ECE 112 Guiding Young Children 1 credit
PPD2	HSL 3220 Introduction to Early Childhood Program 1.5 Credit	EDUC 2330 Educational Psychology 3 Credits	CHLD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education 3 Credits (with PPD1)	ECE 115 Early Childhood Education 1 Credit	<b>C&amp;I 110</b> (not currently a Gateways course so we need to revisit this one)	ECE 110 Foundations of ECE 1 credit

- Introduction to Early Childhood
- Foundations of Education
- Educational Psychology
- Guiding Young Children

## ← Find a Replacement Course

Search for courses to complete at another school that you can transfer back to your current institution.

Planning to go to a new school? Search [Will My Courses Transfer?](#) to see how your credits may apply.

School You Currently Attend

Start Over

Oakton College

Courses Requirement Categories

Term

Spring 2023

Department

Don't see your course listed? [Add it yourself.](#)

### Courses

Search for Matches

Oakton College				Delete All
ECE102	CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	Spring '23	3	
ECE104	INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	Spring '23	3	
ECE107	OBSERVATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE YOUNG CHILD	Spring '23	3	
ECE108	NUTRITION, HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR THE YOUNG CHILD	Spring '23	3	
ECE180	THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD	Spring '23	3	
ECE270	CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS	Spring '23	3	

Courses (6) Matches (22) Favorites (0)

For better results, please use current location or provide a ZIP Code: 60019

22 Schools Found

Looking for a particular school?

Filter by school or city name Search

Showing 1 - 22

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- 4 of 6 Match: City Colleges Of Chicago-Kennedy-King College, Chicago, IL, 2 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 4 of 6 Match: City Colleges Of Chicago-Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL, 2 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 4 of 6 Match: City Colleges Of Chicago-Olive-Harvey College, Chicago, IL, 2 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 4 of 6 Match: City Colleges Of Chicago-Richard J Daley College, Chicago, IL, 2 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 4 of 6 Match: City Colleges Of Chicago-Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, IL, 2 year, Public - View Full Profile

Courses (6) Matches (22) Favorites (0)

- 3 of 6 Match: Palatine, IL, 2 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 2 of 6 Match: Black Hawk College, Moline, IL, 2 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 2 of 6 Match: Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, 4 year, Private not-for-profit - View Full Profile
- 2 of 6 Match: Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL, 4 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 2 of 6 Match: St. Augustine College, Chicago, IL, 4 year, Private not-for-profit - View Full Profile
- 2 of 6 Match: Triton College, River Grove, IL, 2 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 2 of 6 Match: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 4 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 1 of 6 Match: Arizona State University Campus Immersion, Tempe, AZ, 4 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 1 of 6 Match: Arizona State University Digital Immersion, Scottsdale, AZ, 4 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 1 of 6 Match: DePaul University, Chicago, IL, 4 year, Private not-for-profit - View Full Profile
- 1 of 6 Match: Illinois State University, Normal, IL, 4 year, Public - View Full Profile
- 1 of 6 Match: Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Help & Feedback

# Thanks!

## Questions? Comments?

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