# Rasmussen College and the Gateways to Opportunity Credentials

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| Level 2           | High School Diploma or GED | Human Growth and Development (HGD1, HGD2, HGD3) Health, Safety, and Well-Being (HSW1, HSW2) Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE1, IRE2) Family and Community Relationships (FCR1, FCR2, FCR3) Personal and Professional Development (PPD1, PPD2) | 30 hours of ECE observation or 200 hours of documented ECE work experience | ECE Certificate Including:  
  • EEC1700, EEC1202  
  • EEC1735, EEC1962  
  • EEC2401, EEC222S |
| Level 3           | Three semester hours in each: Any Math, English, and General Education electives (Psychology, Sociology, Science, etc.) (These 9 hours must be credit bearing and non-developmental 100 level +) | Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Health, Safety, and Well-Being (HSW3, HSW4, HSW5) Observation and Assessment (OA1, OA2, OA3) Curriculum or Program Design (CPD1, CPD2, CPD3) Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE3, IRE4) Family and Community Relationships (FCR4, FCR5, FCR6) Personal and Professional Development (PPD3, PPD4) | 10 hours of ECE supervised experience or 400 total hours of documented ECE work experience | ECE Diploma/ Child Development Specialization Including:  
  • Core Courses:  
    • General Education Courses:  
      • ENC1101, MAT1222 OR MAT1402, PSY1002 OR SYG1000, SPC2017 |
| Level 4           | Associate’s Degree or 60+ semester hours (including the 9 semester hours listed at level 3) | Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Human Growth and Development (HGD4) Health, Safety and Well-Being (HSW6) Observation and Assessment (OA4, OA5, OA6) Curriculum or Program Design (CPD4, CPD5, CPD6, CPD7, CPD8, CPD9) Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE5) Personal and Professional Development (PPD5, PPD6) | 100 total hours of ECE supervised experience or 600 total hours of documented ECE work experience | ECE Associate Degree/ Child Development Specialization Including:  
  • Core Courses:  
    • EEC1202, EEC1735, EEC1961, EEC1962  
    • EEC2213, EEC2401, EEC2613  
    • General Education Courses:  
      • ENC1101, MAT1222 OR MAT1402, PSY1002 OR SYG1000, SPC2017 |
| Level 5           | Bachelor’s Degree | Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Human Growth and Development (HGD5, HGD6) Health, Safety, and Well-Being (HSW7, HSW8) Observation and Assessment (OA7, OA8) Curriculum or Program Design (CPD10) Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (IRE6, IRE7) Family and Community Relationships (FCR7) Personal and Professional Development (PPD7, PPD8, PPD9, PPD10) | Minimum of 200 hours of ECE supervised experience or 1,200 total hours of documented ECE work experience | ECE Leadership Bachelor Degree/ Administration Specialization Including:  
  • EEC3007, EEC3011, EEC3015, EEC3407, EEC3546, EEC4022 |
| Level 6           | Graduate Degree | Must meet ECE Credential Level 5 requirements plus: Mastery in at least 3 of the 7 ECE Level 6 Skill Areas and Six professional contributions demonstrating competency in three different areas within the last five years | 6,000 hours of documented ECE related experience | NA |
| Level  | ECE Credential | Human Growth and Development (ITC HGD1, ITC HGD2, ITC HGD3) Health, Safety & Well-Being (ITC HSW1, ITC HSW2) Interactions, Relationships, & Environments (ITC IRE1, ITC IRE2, ITC IRE3) Family & Community Relationships (ITC FCR1, ITC FCR2, ITC FCR3) Personal & Professional Development (ITC PPD1, ITC PPD2) | 5 hours of supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 200 hours of documented IT work experience | ECE Certificate Including:  
- EEC1700, EEC1202 
- EEC1735, EEC1962 
- EEC2401, EEC2225 |
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| Level 2 | ECE Credential  
Level 2 or higher | Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Human Growth and Development (ITC HGD4, HGD5) Health, Safety & Well-Being (ITC HSW3, ITC HSW4) Observation & Assessment (ITC OA1, ITC OA2) Curriculum or Program Design (ITC CPD1, ITC CPD2, ITC CPD3) Interactions, Relationships, & Environments (ITC IRE4, ITC IRE5, ITC IRE6) Family & Community Relationships (ITC FCR4) Personal & Professional Development (ITC PPD4) | 10 hours of supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 450 total hours of documented IT work experience | ECE Diploma/ Child Development Specialization Including:  
- Core Courses:  
- General Education Courses:  
  - ENC1101, MAT1222 OR MAT1402, PSY1002 OR SYG1000, SPC2017 |
| Level 3 | ECE Credential  
Level 3 or higher | Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Human Growth and Development (ITC HGD6) Health, Safety & Well-Being (ITC HSW5) Observation & Assessment (ITC OA3) Curriculum or Program Design (ITC CPD4) Interactions, Relationships, & Environments (ITC IRE7) Family & Community Relationships (ITC FCR7) Personal & Professional Development (ITC PPD5) | 50 total hours of supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 900 total hours of documented IT work experience | ECE Associate Degree/ Child Development Specialization Including:  
- Core Courses:  
  - EEC2213, EEC2401, EEC2500, EEC2613  
- General Education Courses:  
  - ENC1101, MAT1222 OR MAT1402, PSY1002 OR SYG1000, SPC2017 |
| Level 4 | ECE Credential  
Level 4 or higher | Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Human Growth and Development (ITC HGD7) Curriculum or Program Design (ITC CPD5) Family & Community Relationships (ITC FCR8) Personal & Professional Development (ITC PPD6) | Minimum of 100 hours supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 1,800 total hours of documented IT work experience | ECE Leadership Bachelor Degree/ Child Development Specialization Including:  
- Core Courses:  
  - EEC3171  
  - EEC3220  
  - EEC3546 |
| Level 5 | ECE Credential  
Level 5 | Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Two graduate level infant toddler specific courses inclusive of infant toddler mental health and Six professional contributions demonstrating competency within the last five years, of which two must target infants, toddlers, and their families | Minimum of 100 hours supervised experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families or 1,800 total hours of documented IT work experience | NA |
| Level 6 | Graduate Degree  
AND  
ECE Credential  
Level 5 or higher | Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Two graduate level infant toddler specific courses inclusive of infant toddler mental health and Six professional contributions demonstrating competency within the last five years, of which two must target infants, toddlers, and their families | 3,600 hours of documented experience with Infants, Toddlers, and their families | NA |

**Director Credential**

| Level 1 | Associate’s Degree and ECE or SAYD Credential Level 3 or higher | Legal and Fiscal Management (LFM1, LFM2) Human Resources Development (HRD1) Marketing and Public Relations (MPR1) Program Operations and Facilities Management (POFM1, POFM2) Educational Programming (EP1, EP2, EP3) Family Partnerships (FP1) Personal and Professional Self-Awareness (PPS1, PPS2) Oral and Written Communication (OWC1) Technology (T1) | 300 hours of a supervised Early Childhood/School-Age administrative practicum or 1,200 hours of documented Early Childhood/School-Age administrative experience | ECE Associate’s Degree Including:  
- EEC1700, EEC1202, EEC1735  
- EEC1960 OR EC1970  
- EEC1961 OR EC1971  
- EEC1962 OR EC1972  
- EEC2613 |
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<td>Level 2</td>
<td>Bachelor’s Degree and ECE or SAYD Credential Level 4 or higher</td>
<td>Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Legal and Fiscal Management (LFM3), Human Resources Development (HRD2, HRD3, HRD4), Marketing and Public Relations (MPR2), Educational Programming (EP4, EP5, EP6, EP7), Personal and Professional Self-Awareness (PPS3), Leadership and Advocacy (LA1, LA2), Oral and Written Communication (OWC2, OWC3), Technology (T2, T3)</td>
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<td>Must meet all previous level competencies plus: Legal and Fiscal Management (LFM4), Marketing and Public Relations (MPR3), Program Operations and Facilities Management (POFM3), Educational Programming (EP8, EP9, EP10), Family Partnerships (FP2), Personal and Professional Self-Awareness (PPS4), Leadership and Advocacy (LA3, LA4), Oral and Written Communication (OWC4, OWC5)</td>
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