The Family Child Care certificate program (ECE 0006) is an ICCB approved extension of the Early Childhood Education A.A.S. degree program (ECE 0005). Students completing this certificate will also earn the Illinois Gateways to Opportunity, Family Child Care Credential.

*Gateways requires the minimum of 20 hours of practicum experience: 10 hours of supervised work experience in early childhood classroom and 10 hours of supervised experience in a licensed family child care home is required, totaling 20 hours of practicum experience.

**400 hours of documented work experience in a child care center and 600 hours of documented work experience in a licensed family child care home will satisfy the practicum requirement.

This is a Gainful Employment Certificate Program of 16 credit hours or more that prepares the student for gainful employment in a recognized occupation. For detailed information regarding program length, cost, average loan debt and completion details, select the following link to the Gainful Employment Worksheet for this program: https://www.jalc.edu/files/uploads/global/consumer_information/pdfs/gainful_employment/family_child_care.pdf You can also access this information by typing the following URL into your browser’s address bar: http://www.jalc.edu/gainful_employment/family_child_care/Gedt.html

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**Additional Information:** Currently the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requires licensed “Group Day Care Home” providers to complete 30 hours of college credit. This allows the Group Day Care Home to care for up to 16 children with the support of a full-time and part-time assistant. This DCFS educational requirement does not apply to a licensed “Day Care Home” provider serving 8 children alone or serving 12 children with the support of an assistant. In order to meet high-quality program standards, all child care providers seeking accreditation and higher child care reimbursement rates will benefit from additional educational requirements.

**Career Opportunities:** The Family Child Care Certificate program prepares individuals to provide professional, high-quality care and early education to children in a home setting. Please note: The completion of 60 college credit hours or an associate degree is required for teachers in child care centers and assistant teachers in public schools.