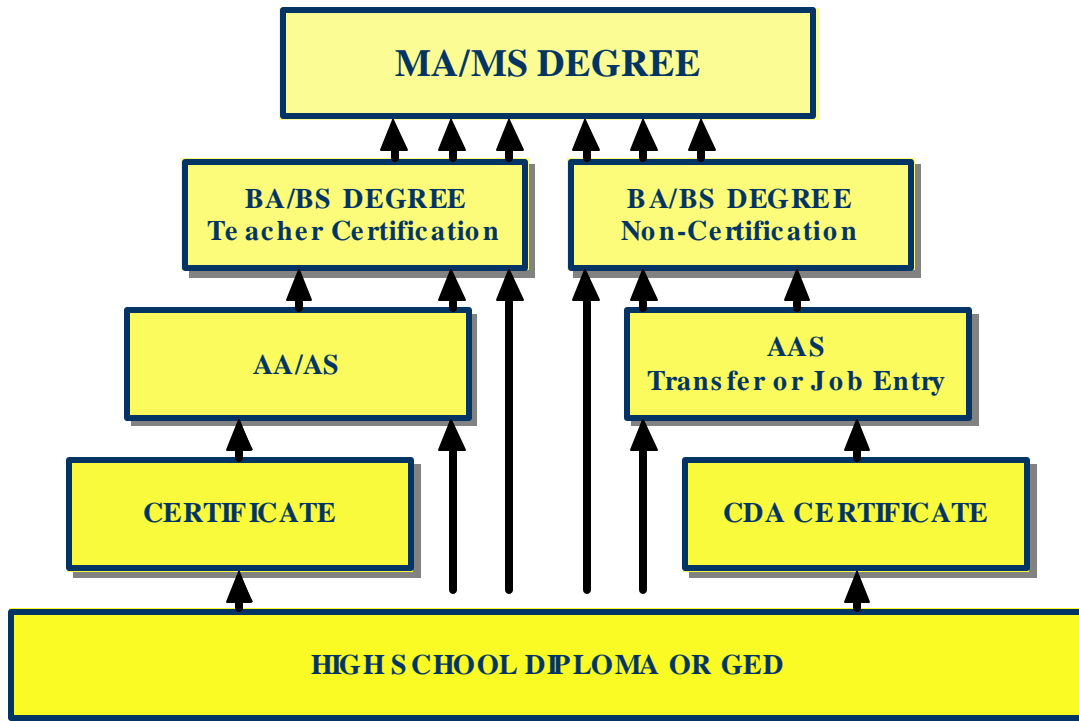


CORE COMPONENTS
for Early Childhood Education Programs

The following six components form the foundation of all the programs listed below. Approved courses taken in these areas are designed to transfer.

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| 1. Child Development | 4. Guidance and Observation |
| 2. Intro to ECE field and Professionalism | 5. Health, Safety, and Nutrition |
| 3. Child/ Family/ School/ Community | 6. Exceptional Child |



Certificate program in Infant/Toddler, Family/Child Care, School Age Child, Teacher in Early Childhood, Administrative Certificate

Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate taken as part of high school curriculum or in college

AA/AS degree designed for transfer

AAS degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development (designed for job entry or transfer)

BA/BS degree leading to (04) certification in Early Childhood Education (teacher certification program)

BA/BS degree in Child and Family Studies, Human Ecology, Human Development or other related degree (non-certification program)

Various levels of the Illinois Director Credential can be awarded to completers of Associate, Baccalaureate and Graduate degrees. In addition, all students must successfully complete the Illinois Certification Testing System Basic Skills test. The Credential offers a recognized professional standard for center-based early and school-age care and education directors.