

Kennedy-King College

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Earn a Gateways to Opportunity Family Specialist Credential

While attending

Kennedy-King College



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Family Specialist Credential

The Gateways Family Specialist Credential is a symbol of professional achievement that validates those who work with families and have the education and knowledge required to:

- Build strength-based relationships with families
- Support families in developing the skills and knowledge needed to access resources
- Promote and strengthen bonds between parent and child
- Encourage families to identify and set achievable goals
- Assist families in becoming leaders within their communities

Gateways to Opportunity

Gateways to Opportunity is a statewide professional development system, designed to support Illinois early care and education, school-age and youth development practitioners.

Gateways to Opportunity Credentials and Higher Education Institutions

Kennedy-King College has aligned its coursework with the requirements for the Family Specialist Credential. Students who complete specific required courses which meet Gateways Credential requirements may receive Credential(s) recognized by the state of Illinois.

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Completion of the following courses at Kennedy-King College leads to attainment of the Gateways to Opportunity Family Specialist Credential

Family Specialist Credential Courses

Courses that lead to Family Specialist Credential Level 2

CHLD 101: Human Growth and Development I
CHLD 102: Human Growth and Development II
Social Service 201: Principles of Social Work Practice
Social Service 215: Social Problems and Social Action OR Sociology 205 Social Problems
Social Service 228: Methodology for Social Work OR Sociology 203 Marriage and Family

General Education requirements:

High School Diploma or GED

Courses that lead to Family Specialist Credential Level 3

CHLD 101: Human Growth and Development I
CHLD 102: Human Growth and Development II
Social Service 201: Principles of Social Work Practice
Social Service 215: Social Problems and Social Action OR Sociology 205 Social Problems
Social Service 228: Methodology for Social Work OR Sociology 203 Marriage and Family
Six semester hours in two areas: English, Social Science, any Math or Science
(These six hours must be credit bearing and non-developmental 100 level or higher)

General Education requirements:

High School Diploma or GED
Six semester hours in two areas: English, Social Science, any Math or Science

Courses that lead to Family Specialist Credential Level 4

CHLD 101: Human Growth and Development I
CHLD 102: Human Growth and Development II
Social Service 201: Principles of Social Work Practice
Social Service 215: Social Problems and Social Action OR Sociology 205 Social Problems
Social Service 228: Methodology for Social Work OR Sociology 203 Marriage and Family
Social Services 109: Report Writing for Social Service Aides
CHLD 107: Health, Safety, and Nutrition
CHLD 201: Observation, Assessment and Documentation to Support Young Children and Families
Social Service 229: Practicum

General Education requirements:

Associates in Applied Science (AAS) Degree