



Getting Started with **Every Child Ready**



Welcome

Welcome to the **Getting Started with Every Child Ready bundle** of on-demand courses and online guides! This bundle is designed to be useful to everyone, from first-year to veteran practitioners, and covers everything you need to begin implementing the Every Child Ready (ECR) instructional model in your classroom. In about twelve hours of self-guided online training, we:

1. Introduce the comprehensive and holistic Every Child Ready approach to prekindergarten.
2. Provide practical guidance on accessing and making the most of the model.
3. Share evidence-based best practices and everyday tips gathered from thousands of Every Child Ready practitioners, instructional leaders, and coaches.



The Getting Started with Every Child Ready bundle includes:

1. ECR Curriculum Overview
2. ECR Standards Overview
3. ECR Platform Guide
4. ECR Unit Overviews
5. ECR Assessments and Evaluation
Online Educator Course

You can also earn up to twenty continuing education credits (professional development hours) that can be applied toward various state and teaching credential requirements.



1. ECR Curriculum Overview

Estimated time: 3 hours

We recommend completing this course first to familiarize yourself with what a recommended Every Child Ready day looks like in the classroom.

In this course, you will:

- Explore the integration of thematic learning through the Every Child Ready day.
- Learn the foundational aspects of the Every Child Ready curriculum, including the thematic units, daily schedule, and components.
- Reflect on ways to make children's learning relevant to their own lived experiences through play.
- Plan integrated thematic learning experiences using Every Child Ready lessons and resources.

2. ECR Standards Overview

Estimated time: 1 hour

We recommend completing this course next to dig a little deeper into using Every Child Ready to help address whole child development and developmentally appropriate practice in your classroom.

In this course, you will:

- Review the purpose of the Every Child Ready standards.
- Examine the Every Child Ready standards domains and subdomains.
- Learn how the standards manifest in the Every Child Ready instructional model.
- Apply your knowledge of the standards to make a plan for instruction and learning.

Please see the [Every Child Ready webpage](#) on standards alignment to get resources on how ECR standards align with those in your state.

3. ECR Platform Guide

Estimated time: 1 hour/as-needed

We recommend reviewing this online guide as you begin to use the Every Child Ready Platform to prepare for your first unit. This guide can be referred to throughout the year to support your use of the Every Child Ready Platform.

In this online guide, you can:

- Access how-to videos walking through every aspect of the Every Child Ready Platform, where you can find everything needed to implement Every Child Ready throughout the year, including the thematic curriculum and lesson materials, grade books, assessments, reporting, professional learning, resources, and support.

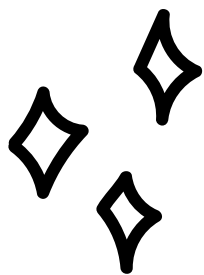
4. ECR Unit Overviews

Estimated time: 1–2 hours per unit

We recommend completing the Unit 1 Overview for your grade level while preparing for your first week and each subsequent unit overview while preparing for that upcoming unit.

In each unit overview, you will:

- Review the theme, essential questions, and integrated approach for the thematic unit.
- Get an overview of academic and social-emotional learning opportunities available in the unit's lessons.
- Walk through key materials, resources, and lessons for the unit.
- Explore integrated, Read Aloud-based thematic learning throughout the unit.
- Access resources to help set up and plan for the unit.



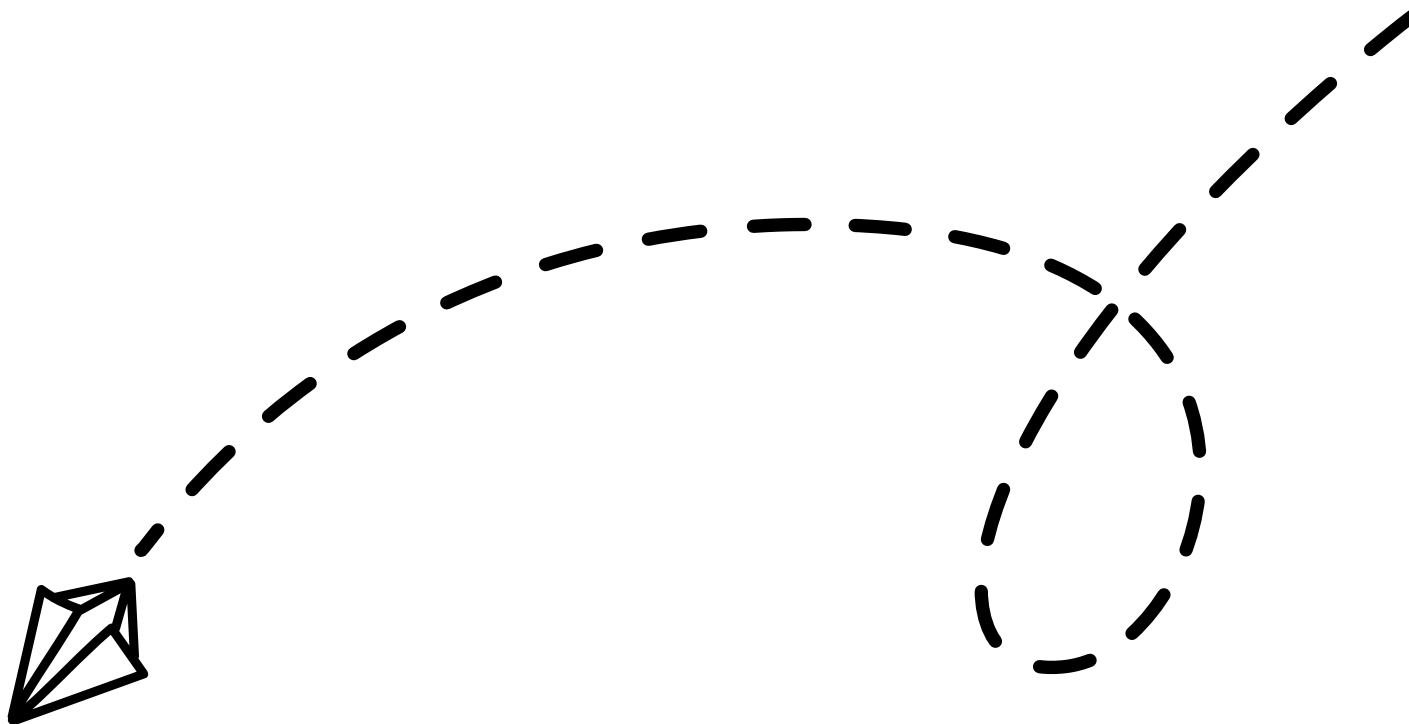
5. ECR Assessments and Evaluation Online Educator Course

Estimated time: 1 hour for the overview and 1 hour for each formal assessment (Language and Literacy, Letters and Writing, Mathematics, and the Positive Behavior Rating Scale)

We recommend completing this course after getting familiar with Every Child Ready standards but before administering baseline formal assessments. This course includes Every Child Ready formal assessment certification tests which must be passed before administering formal assessments in your classroom. Please confirm which Every Child Ready assessments you will be using at your campus before taking this course.

In this course, you will:

1. Review why formal assessments are important in prekindergarten.
2. Learn about the process and guidelines for administering ECR Formal Assessments.
3. Learn about the specific learning domains that can be assessed through Every Child Ready.
4. Walk through the ECR Data App, which is used for data entry and reporting.
5. Earn your ECR Assessments Certification for the assessments you will administer.



How to get started?

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If you have any questions or technical issues please submit a support ticket on the [ECR support page](#).

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