

Professional Early Childhood Inclusion Credential (PECIC) User Guide

With Ohio PROMISE, Ohio is on its way to ensuring that every Ohio family is healthy and supported when needed. Children with disabilities must be included with their friends, neighbors, and peers from birth so they can thrive wherever they live, play, and learn. The Professional Early Childhood Inclusion Credential (PECIC) was created to raise the level of awareness, knowledge, competency, and confidence of professionals attending to the needs of children with disabilities, their families, and creating an inclusive environment for all children.

This credential was created by the Ohio State Leadership Team on Early Childhood Inclusion, a dedicated group of state agency and organization professionals working with teachers and parents, to identify where Ohio is in its implementation of high-quality indicators of inclusion.

Accessing the Inclusion Credential Application

Sign in to your Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) profile. If you do not already have an OPR profile, and need assistance with creating one, view our [Create OPR Profile Resources](#) webpage for additional details. Do not create duplicate profiles.

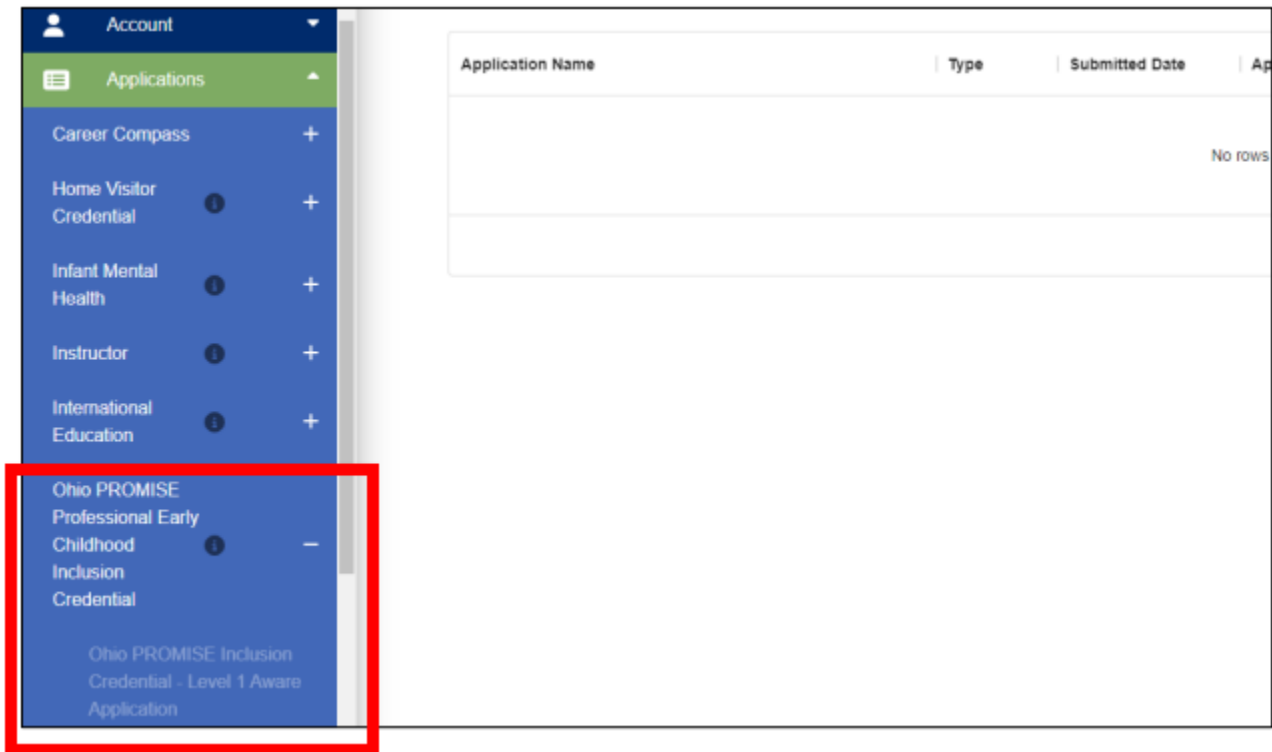
Navigate to the Applications section of your OPR profile and click the carrot to expand. Click on the + sign next to the Ohio PROMISE Professional Early Childhood Inclusion Credential section to expand the application choices.



To access the level II Inclusion Credential application, you must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Have a minimum of a verified High School diploma in the Education tab of your OPR profile
OR
2. Have an employment role of High School Junior or HS Senior or Graduate
AND
3. Have already received your level I Ohio Promise Inclusion Credential

If you have not met one of the requirements above, the link will not be clickable, and you will need to complete the requirements prior to accessing the application.



Completing the Inclusion Credential Application

Click on the title of the application titled ‘Ohio Promise Inclusion Credential - Level 2 Knowledgeable’.

There are 5 required PD Events to be completed via your OPR profile. These completions will display automatically from the Professional Development tab of your profile. If one or more of these required PD Events have not been verified in your profile, you will not be able to submit the application. You must return to your OPR profile and complete the requirements prior to moving forward with submission.

If all 5 events show ‘Complete’, you can proceed in the application.

Required Professional Development

Professional Development	My Training
Early Learning and Development Standards Overview	Complete
Together from the Start: Building Blocks for Inclusion - OCALI Suite of Resources	Complete
Early Childhood Universal Access Series: Welcoming All Children	Complete
Early Childhood Universal Access Series: Adaptations & Assistive Technology Interventions	Complete
Early Childhood Universal Access Series: Supporting Participation with Cara’s Kit	Complete

Complete the attestations and the ‘Early Care & Education Environment Self-Reflection Tool’.

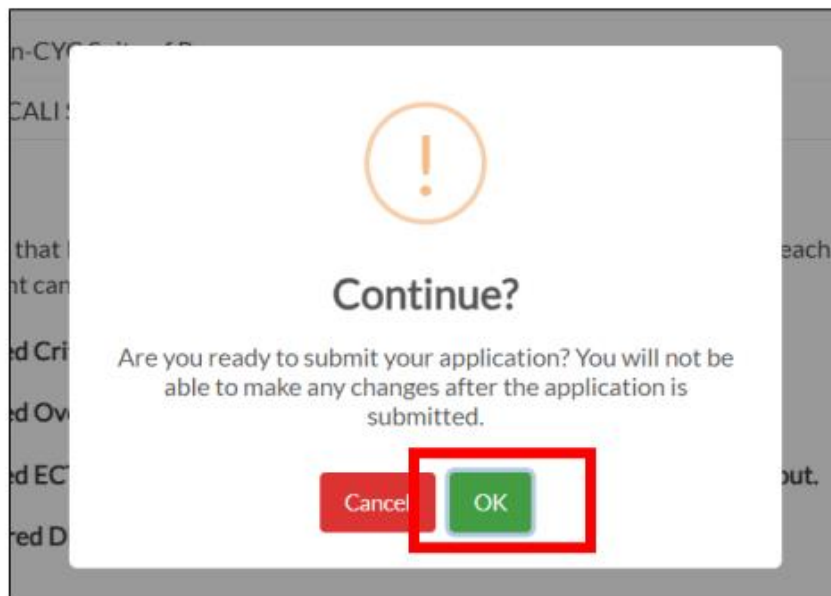
Ohio PROMISE Inclusion Credential Attestations

By checking the statements below, I attest that I have completed each requirement and will retain my records of each requirement, should I need to produce them. Links for each credential requirement can be found on the Ohio PROMISE Inclusion Credential webpage.

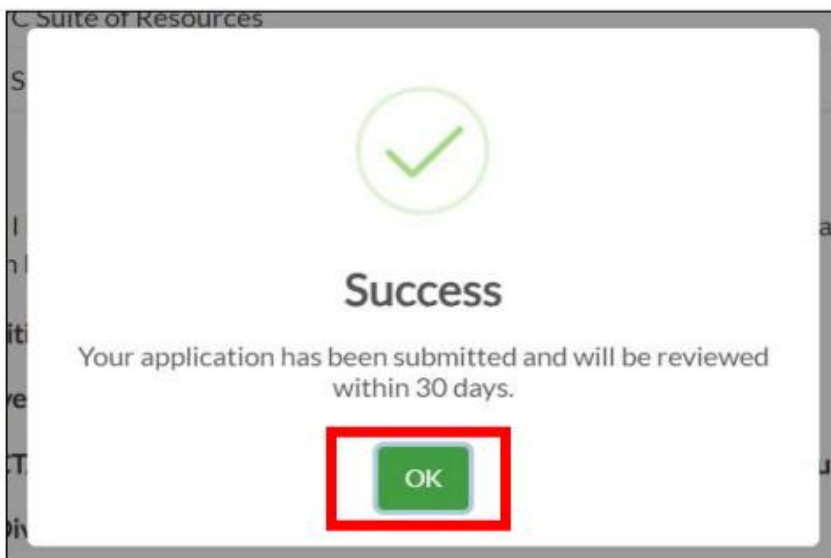
- I attest that I have reviewed the new November 2023 Dear Colleague Letter.
- I attest that I have reviewed Ohio’s Core Knowledge and Competencies.
- I attest that I have reviewed the Inclusion Planning Checklist (Special Quest Session 7, Handout #4).
- I attest that I have reviewed ECTA Early Care & Education Environment Indicators.

Once you have reviewed your application for completion, click ‘Submit Application’.

Confirm you would like to continue with your submission. Hit ‘Cancel’ to return to the application.



Your submission was successful. Click OK to return to the Applications tab of your profile.



You can view the status of your application via the Application Dashboard displayed in your OPR profile.

Application Dashboard

Application Name	Type	Submitted Date	Approved Date	Expiration Date	Status	
Instructor	Initial	2023-11-21 09:44:04 AM	2023-11-22		Approved	VIEW
Ohio PROMISE Inclusion Credential - Level 1 Aware	Initial	2023-08-18 01:23:50 PM	2023-08-18	2025-08-17	Approved	VIEW
Ohio PROMISE Inclusion Credential - Level 2 Know...	Initial	2024-02-01 02:32:19 PM			Submitted	VIEW

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Once your application has been reviewed and the credential has been issued, you can access your printable certificate anytime via the Credentials tab of your OPR profile.

Credentials						+ Add Credentials
Credential	Points	Effective Date	Expiration Date ↓	Status	Actions	
Ohio Principal License	2.00	2023/07/01	2028/06/30	Verified	Download	
Ohio PROMISE Inclusion Credential - Level 2 Knowledgeable	0.00	2024/02/01	2026/01/31	Verified	Print Certificate	
Ohio PROMISE Inclusion Credential - Level 1 Aware	0.00	2023/08/18	2025/08/17	Verified	Print Certificate	
Ohio Professional Teaching License	2.00	2020/07/01	2025/06/30	Verified	Download	