October 2026

Iowa Evaluator Approval Training Course Schedule

The following courses have met the criteria established in Iowa Code 284.10, Iowa Code 284A.7, and Iowa Administrative Rule 281-83.5 for evaluator approval training. There are multiple pathways for professional administrator license renewal (e.g., Individual Professional Development Plans).

A professional administrator license renewal requires one of the following:

- Option A: Four renewal credits which must include an approved evaluator training course and mandatory reporter training
- Option B: Verification of a Master's degree or higher, at least 10 years of PK-12 licensed experience, and the mandatory reporter training. Evaluator training less than 10 years old is also required to renew an administrator or evaluator license.

When considering renewal training, a participant must complete one of the following evaluator approval courses:

Provider: Area Education Agency (AEA) Learning Online

Contacts:

AEA: Shelley Christensen, registrar, schristensen@heartlandaea.org

Iowa Department of Education: Amy Mayer, amy.mayer@iowa.gov

Registration may be completed through the AEA Learning System.

Course: iEvaluate 1.3
2 renewal credits (Self-paced)
Dates: Available through the AEA Learning System
Location: Online

Provider: Buena Vista University

Contacts:

Buena Vista University: Dr. Trenton Grundmeyer, Grundmeyer@bvu.edu

Iowa Department of Education: Amy Mayer, amy.mayer@iowa.gov

Registration may be completed through Buena Vista University

Course: iEvaluate 1.3
2 renewal credits (Self-paced)
Dates: Ongoing – schedule through provider
Location: Online

Provider: Central Rivers AEA

Contact: Brandie Gean, bgean@heartlandaea.org, 515-473-6770

Course: The New Leadership Standards Focused Deep Dive: Pathway 2
2 renewal credits
Dates: By request
Location: Central Rivers AEA

Provider: Grant Wood AEA

Contact: Brandie Gean, bgean@heartlandaea.org, 515-473-6770

Course: None at this time

Provider: Great Prairie AEA

Contact: Nathan Wood, Nathan.wood@gpaea.org

Course: Leading for Impact
1 renewal credit
Dates: October 7 & December 7,2026, February 3, March 3 & April 7, 2027
Location: Fairfield
*Open only to staff at Great Prairie AEA and educators in the Great Prairie AEA region
Registration Link

Provider: Green Hills AEA

Contact: Brandie Gean, bgean@heartlandaea.org, 515-473-6770

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 1
2 renewal credits
Dates: October 14, 20, 29 & November 2, 2026
Location: Avoca
Registration Link

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 1
2 renewal credits
Dates: November 12, 18 & December 4, 9, 2026
Location: Hastings
Registration Link

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 2
2 renewal credits
Dates: April 5, 13, 23, & 28, 2027
Location: Creston
Registration Link

Provider: Heartland AEA

Contact: Brandie Gean, bgean@heartlandaea.org, 515-473-6770

Course: Six Shifts for Success: Improving Special Education and Other Intervention Outcomes: A Leadership Course in Systems Thinking and Action
1 renewal credit
Dates: November 12 & December 8, 2026

Location: Johnston
Registration Link

Course: Leadership for Impact
1 renewal credit
Dates: November 30, 2026 & February 9, 2027
Location: Johnston
Registration Link

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 2
2 renewal credits
Dates: February 15, March 3, April 12 & 21, 2027
Location: Johnston
Registration Link

Provider: Keystone AEA

Contact: Brandie Gean, bgean@heartlandaea.org, 515-473-6770

Course: None at this time

Provider: Mississippi Bend AEA

Contact: Brandie Gean, bgean@heartlandaea.org, 515-473-6770

Course: Leading for Impact
1 renewal credit
Dates: October 1 & November 5,2026, February 4, March 4 & April 1, 2027
Location: Bettendorf
Registration Link

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 1
2 renewal credits
Dates: November 10, 11 & December 16, 17, 2026
Location: Bettendorf
Registration Link

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 1
2 renewal credits
Dates: February 2, 3 & March 2, 3, 2027
Location: Bettendorf
Registration Link

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 2
2 renewal credits
Dates: April 28, 29 & June 16, 17, 2027
Location: Bettendorf
Registration Link

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 2
2 renewal credits
Dates: June 22, 23 & August 4, 5, 2027
Location: Bettendorf
Registration Link

Provider: Northwest AEA

Contact: Brandie Gean, bgean@heartlandaea.org, 515-473-6770

Course: None at this time

Provider: Prairie Lakes AEA

Contact: Brandie Gean, bgean@heartlandaea.org, 515-473-6770

Course: None at this time

Provider: School Administrators of Iowa

Contact: Dana Schon, professional learning director, 515-267-1115

Course: Four Essential Roles of Leadership
1 renewal credit
Dates: On site availability by request
Location: District

Provider: University of Northern Iowa

Contact: Mary Sult, Institute for Educational Leadership Director, mary.sult@uni.edu, 319-273-2540, Registration Form

Course: Current Offerings
1 graduate credit
Dates: Varies
Location: Varies