

State-Approved Iowa Evaluator Approval Trainings

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:

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: Central Rivers AEA

Contact: Kay Schmalen, kschmalen@centralriversaea.org, 641-329-4271

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

Course: Fierce Conversations for Leaders
1 renewal credit

Dates: June 16, 17 & 18, 2026

Location: Zoom

[Registration Link](#)

Course: Investigation Training (Bullying & Employee Investigations)
1 renewal credit

Dates: July 21, 22 & 23, 2026

Location: Zoom

[Registration Link](#)

Provider: Green Hills AEA

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

Course: None at this time

Provider: Heartland AEA

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

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 1 (Graduate Level)

2 renewal credits

Dates: June 8, 9, 22 & 23, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 2 (Graduate Level)

2 renewal credits

Dates: June 10, 11, 24 & 25, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

Course: Fierce Conversations

2 renewal credits

Dates: June 10, 11, 17 & 26, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

Course: Leading with Intelligence: Leveraging AI for Evaluator Effectiveness and Data-Driven Feedback

1 renewal credit

Dates: June 18 & 24, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

Course: Implementation Science for Educational Leaders

2 renewal credits

Dates: June 25, July 23 & 24, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

Course: Implementation Science for Educational Leaders (Graduate Level)

1 renewal credit

Dates: June 25, July 23 & 24, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

Course: Six Shifts for Success: Improving Special Education and Other Intervention Outcomes: A Leadership Course in Systems Thinking and Action

1 renewal credit

Dates: July 14 & 28, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

Course: Cognitive Coaching Part 1 (Graduate Level)

2 renewal credits

Dates: September 15, 24 and November 10 & 19, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

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](#)

Provider: Keystone AEA

Contact: Kay Schmalen, kschmalen@centralriversaea.org, 641-329-4271

Course: None at this time

Provider: Mississippi Bend AEA

Contact: Kay Schmalen, kschmalen@centralriversaea.org, 641-329-4271

Course: None at this time

Provider: Northwest AEA

Contact: Kay Schmalen, kschmalen@centralriversaea.org, 641-329-4271

Course: None at this time

Provider: Prairie Lakes AEA

Contact: Kay Schmalen, kschmalen@centralriversaea.org, 641-329-4271

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

Course: SAI Summer Leadership Accelerator

1 renewal credit

Dates: June 22 & 23, 2026

Location: Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames

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