

# 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](mailto:schristensen@heartlandaea.org)

Iowa Department of Education: Stephanie TeKippe, [stephanie.tekippe@iowa.gov](mailto:stephanie.tekippe@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](mailto: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](mailto:bgean@heartlandaea.org), 515-473-6770

**Course:** None at this time

## Provider: Great Prairie AEA

**Contact:** Brandie Gean, [bgean@heartlandaea.org](mailto: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](mailto:bgean@heartlandaea.org), 515-473-6770

**Course:** None at this time

## Provider: Heartland AEA

**Contact:** Brandie Gean, [bgean@heartlandaea.org](mailto:bgean@heartlandaea.org), 515-473-6770

**Course: Administrator Professional Learning Framework: Special Education Leadership Series**

**1 renewal credit**

Dates: September 24, October 22, November 19, December 17, 2025, January 21, February 18, March 18, April 22, May 20, 2026

Location: Zoom

[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: April 9 & April 27, 2026

Location: Johnston

[Registration Link](#)

**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](#)

## **Provider: Keystone AEA**

**Contact:** Kay Schmalen, [kschmalen@centralriversaea.org](mailto:kschmalen@centralriversaea.org), 641-329-4271

**Course:** None at this time

## **Provider: Mississippi Bend AEA**

**Contact:** Kay Schmalen, [kschmalen@centralriversaea.org](mailto:kschmalen@centralriversaea.org), 641-329-4271

**Course:** None at this time

## **Provider: Northwest AEA**

**Contact:** Kay Schmalen, [kschmalen@centralriversaea.org](mailto:kschmalen@centralriversaea.org), 641-329-4271

**Course:** None at this time

## Provider: Prairie Lakes AEA

**Contact:** Kay Schmalen, [kschmalen@centralriversaea.org](mailto: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](mailto:mary.sult@uni.edu), 319-273-2540, [Registration Form](#)

**Course:** [Current Offerings](#)

**1 graduate credit**

Dates: Varies

Location: Varies