

OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES LICENSING: Child Care Licensing

Equivalencies for Nebraska's Early Learning Guidelines Training: Applies to All License Types

POLICY

Family Child Care Home Licensees, Primary Providers, Directors, and Teachers must complete training in the seven domains of Nebraska's Early Childhood Learning Guidelines. Any proposed equivalent training must be approved by the Department.

REFERENCE

Family Child Care Home I	1-006.04D
Family Child Care Home II	2-006.04D
Child Care Center	3-006.08C
Preschool	5-006.07B

PROCEDURE

Since the Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) were developed in the fall of 2004, early childhood programs in the two and four year colleges and universities have been implementing them into their curriculum. Also, survey information obtained by the Buffett Institute has indicated that all early childhood education programs use the ELG's in their coursework. Based on this information, the Children's Services Licensing will accept the following as equivalencies for ELG training:

- **Any Associate's, Bachelor's or advanced degree in the area of Early Childhood obtained from a Nebraska institution of higher education. Elementary Education degrees alone will not be accepted as an equivalency-it must have an Early Childhood supplement/endorsement.**

(Rationale: There is no process to quickly and easily identify that degrees obtained from a non-Nebraska institution include all seven domains included in the ELG's. We have been able to obtain a level of assurances from Nebraska colleges/universities that ELG's have been part of their early childhood program since the development of the Guidelines)

- **The degree must have been earned beginning in the Spring of 2005 up to the current date.**

(Rationale: ELG's were not implemented until the Fall of 2004. Colleges/Universities were not able to incorporate them into their program until the following Spring)

Acceptable degrees include: Associate's in Early Childhood, B.S. in Early Childhood Education, Inclusive Early Childhood Education (birth –Grade 3), Curriculum & Instruction/Early Childhood Education

- **Diplomas or certifications will not be accepted as an equivalency**