

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPERATION MANUAL

Defining the Required Child Development Course or Equivalent Required for the Kentucky Early Care and Education Trainer's Credential

Policy Clarification

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Situation: Per 2:240 Kentucky Early Care and Education Trainer's Credential regulation requires Early Care and Education Professionals, seeking a Level 4 or Level 5 Kentucky Early Care and Education Trainer's Credential, must complete a three-hour college course in Child Development or the equivalent. There is some confusion between professionals in the field on what constitutes a Child Development course or its equivalent.

Clarification:

Child Development Course – An approved Child Development Course is a three-hour college course from an accredited university that covers pre-natal development through adolescent development. A course that covers development through the entire lifespan (birth through adulthood) shall not meet this requirement since the entire class must focus on childhood. The material in the course shall focus on all of the developmental domains (ex. motor, cognitive, language, social, emotional) instead of limiting the content to a certain developmental area.

If the candidate for a Trainer's Credential has not taken a college course in Child Development, he or she may submit proof that the equivalent has been completed.

Child Development Course Equivalent – Forty-five hours of clock-hour training in child development topics ranging from gross motor development, fine motor development, cognitive development, speech and language development, and social and emotional development. The age span for these hours may include prenatal development through adolescent development.

Clock Hour: Credit given for attending approved sixty (60) minutes of instruction. Clock hours are generally issued by Kentucky Early Care and Education Credentialed Trainers and training agencies /organizations.

One clock hour = 60 minutes of instruction.