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DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION

Early Education Branch

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Early Childhood/Child Development (EC/CD) and School Age (SA) Degree in the Field Revisions

The Division of Child Development and Early Education is excited to announce updates to the list of degrees counted as degree in the field for both early childhood/child development (EC/CD) and school age (SA). **Effective Monday, May 8, 2023**, the Workforce Education Unit's determination of degree in the field will now include:

- For **Early Childhood/Child Development (EC/CD)** degrees:
 - Elementary Education
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
- For **School Age (SA)** degrees, including, but not limited to:
 - Children and Nature
 - Outdoor Leadership
 - Trauma Informed Social Work in Children
- For **NC Pre-K**:
 - These changes **do not affect any lead NC Pre-K teacher**. DCDEE must continue to follow DPI licensure requirements for lead teachers seeking licensure.
 - These changes **do impact NC Pre-K teacher assistants** in the NC Pre-K program.

More detailed information will be shared as NC Pre-K updates program related information to reflect this change.

Evaluation of degrees will continue to be based on the position(s) requested, coursework completed, and the documented degree(s) awarded on official transcripts. More information will be distributed as the Workforce Education Unit moves towards implementation.

Once fully implemented, documentation of the degree type and course of study will display in the individual's DCDEE WORKS account and on their status letter.

For general questions related to this change, please contact the Workforce Education Unit at 919-814-6350.