Department of Children & Youth
Help Me Grow Early Intervention

DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION: "RELATED" BACEHLOR'S DEGREES

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5180:8-1-05 governs and outlines the pathways to eligibility for Developmental Specialist (DS) certification in Ohio. One of these pathways states that the applicant must "hold a bachelor's degree or graduate-level degree in education, health, social or behavioral science, social services, human services, or other related field from an accredited college or university."

This list details common bachelor's degrees that would be considered acceptable or unacceptable under this eligibility pathway. This list is not exhaustive and will be updated as other degrees are reviewed by the Department of Children and Youth.

Questions regarding other degrees that are not on this list can be directed to ei@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

ACCEPTABLE ("RELATED") DEGREES

Anthropology	Disability Studies	Nursing	Social Work
Child Development	Education	Occupational Therapy	Sociology
Child & Family Studies	Family Science	Physical Therapy	Special Education
Cognitive Science	Health Sciences	Psychology	
Communication Sciences	Human Development	Public Health	
Counseling	Infant & Toddler Studies	Recreation Therapy	

UNACCEPTABLE ("UNRELATED") DEGREES

Accounting	Criminal Justice	Mathematics	Zoology
Art	Engineering	Music	
Business Administration	Languages	Photography	
Chemistry	Law	Photography	
Computer Science	Marketing	Technology	