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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans of Education

FROM: Jeana Ross 
Secretary, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

SUBJECT: Implementation of the 2015 Educator Preparation Chapter of the *Alabama Administrative Code*

The following changes are applicable to early childhood education (ECE) and early childhood special education (ECSE) programs:

1. Effective for field experiences during fall semester 2016-2017 and thereafter, all ECE and ECSE candidates shall include placements in at least two of the three main types of early education settings (early school grades (K-3), child care centers and homes, and Office of School Readiness programs).
2. Effective for internships during spring semester 2016-2017 and thereafter, all ECE and ECSE candidates who complete their internship shall include a placement with at least two of the following age groups: birth- age 3, age 3-5, age 5-8.
3. An intern placed in a pre-kindergarten setting may be supervised by a teacher who meets the criteria indicated above, or if a teacher who meets those criteria is not available in the EPP's service area (Class B) or the school (Alternative Class A), the intern may be supervised by a lead teacher designated by the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education or the Alabama Head Start Agency and employed in a setting accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children

To ensure that placements are made in quality programs, The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education has provided a list of approved classrooms. The list can be found at <http://children.alabama.gov>, select Office of School Readiness/ Quality of sites for ECE Field Experiences. The username is First Class Staff and the password is prekrocks.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracye Strichik at tracye.strichik@ece.alabama.gov.

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