**PROGRESSION OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN COURSES**

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| **Competency Areas** | **Brief Description of Depth of Content and Skills in First 3 Courses for Each Competency Area** | **Brief Description of Depth of Content and Skills in Associate Degree Versus**  **Depth of Content and Skills in Baccalaureate Degree**  **For Appropriate Competency Areas** | | | |
| **Cluster Group 1**  **CDA Credential** | **Cluster Group 3**  **Knowledge of Learner and**  **Learning Environment** | **Cluster Group 4**  **Development & Methodology** | **Cluster Group 5**  **Literacy** | **Cluster Group 6**  **Practicum & Professional Teaching Clinicals** |
| **Possess Knowledge of Child Development (NAEYC)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment (CDA, NAEYC)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Advance Physical and intellectual competence (CDA, NAEYC)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Support social and emotional development and provide positive guidance (CDA, NAEYC)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Establish positive and productive relationships with families (CDA, NAEYC)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Ensure a well-run, purposeful program responsive to participant needs (CDA, NAEYC** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Maintain a commitment to professionalism (CDA, NAEYC)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Observing, Documenting, and Assessing Young Children and Families (CDA, NAEYC)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Language Development and Reading (LDOE)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **(Optional) Additional Competency Areas** |  |  |  |  |  |