

Healthy Alternatives asked Dawn Hove, the Director of the University of Nebraska's Child Care Center how she integrates the HALO Curriculum with the Creative Curriculum.

1. What early childhood education curriculum is your center utilizing and how are you incorporating HALO into that particular curriculum?

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Child Care Center uses Creative Curriculum with an integrated curriculum philosophy that uses developmentally appropriate practices as the learning approach. This is established through our philosophy of the "whole child" concept. The administrators and lead teachers work closely together to select central ideas and related learning activities that are designed and taught through how children develop and learn. At the UNO Child Care Center, we integrate the HALO curriculum into our weekly themes. The students are encouraged to provide us with input about their~ interests and prior knowledge in order to successfully cater our lesson plans around the children in our Preschool program.

2. How are you able to make room (time management) for the HALO program within the curriculum educational demands (i.e. K readiness)?

The HALO program works effortlessly with our creative curriculum approach. We are continuously working towards the goal of teaching the whole child and find that the HALO curriculum always compliments our approach in order to meet the needs of each student in my classroom.

3. Do you find it difficult to incorporate HALO into the curriculum and time management?

I do not find it very difficult to incorporate the HALO activities into my weekly lesson plans. The students are always eager to participate in the planned HALO activities and will often extend many of the concepts into their open play time.

4. What is the parental response to the HALO program?

I have always had a positive response from the parents in my preschool program. I've heard numerous times that the parents appreciate the fact that we're providing their children with the necessary yet age appropriate information about their health and safety.

5. How often are you utilizing HALO? (daily, weekly)

I have incorporated the HALO curriculum into my weekly lesson plans for the past 6 years.

6. How do the children respond to HALO?

I feel that the children absolutely love the hands on learning approach and respond positively to the fun, interactive, and age appropriate activities from the HALO curriculum.

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