

# Offering the Certification Program using the Gearing Up for Safety

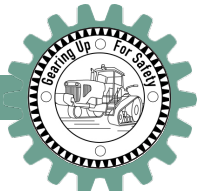
The GEARING UP FOR SAFETY curriculum is designed to meet the current training requirements of the HOOA including minimum duration of instruction requirements for participants. The HOOA provide, however, little direction on how these time requirements should be met or how the time should be allocated to specific content areas. The requirements have caused some confusion in the past due to the inconsistency between minimum instructional time requirements for the agricultural science and business (Vocational-Agriculture) and Extension directed options. If an Extension Agent is conducting the program there is a requirement for a minimum of 20 hours of training for the combined tractor and machinery certification with an extra 4 hours of instruction for non-4-H members or youth unfamiliar with the normal working hazards of agriculture. On the other hand, the agricultural science and business (Vo-Ag) option requires a minimum of 25 hours of instruction for the combined tractor and machinery certification (15 hours for tractor and 10 hours for machinery). In other words, a youth with farm experience can complete the certification requirements in 20 hours under the Extension facilitated option; a non-farm youth requires 24 hours, but all youth completing the program under the direction of an agricultural science and business (Vo-Ag) program are required to have 25 hours of instruction.

To meet these different time requirements and settings, the GEARING UP FOR SAFETY curriculum has been designed to be flexible and applicable to both options currently authorized by the HOOA. Whatever format is used, the bottom line is that there needs to be accurate documentation for each student, regardless of how he or she received instruction to meet the minimum hours of instruction.

The following provides a narrative description of three different options for teaching the curriculum and meeting the current HOOA requirements.

## 1. Traditional classroom setting for the agricultural science and business option

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time (hrs)</b>
1.1 Cover 15 chapters in classroom setting using accompanying visuals (50 minutes/lesson)	12.5
1.2 Complete lesson activity sheets and review (15 minutes/lesson)	3.75
1.3 Complete written test	1.0
1.4 Cover pre-operational inspection and practice sheet	1.25
1.5 Complete pre-operational exam	0.5
1.6 Assign completion of farm safety inventory	2.0
1.7 Practice for operational exam	3.5
1.8 Complete operational exam	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.0</b>



## 2. Extension facilitated format for youth with farm experience

Activity	Time (hrs)
2.1 Cover 15 chapters in evening classes using accompanying visuals (50 minutes/lesson)	12.5
2.2 Assign accompanying lesson activity sheets for completion at home (15 minutes/activity)	3.75
2.3 Complete written test	1.0
2.4 Cover pre-operational inspection and practice sheets	1.5
2.5 Complete pre-operational exam	0.5
2.6 Complete operational exam	0.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.0</b>

## 3. Extension facilitated format for youth with no farm experience or not enrolled in 4-H

Activity	Time (hrs)
3.1 Cover 15 chapters in classroom using accompanying visuals (50 minutes/lesson)	12.5
3.2 Assign accompanying lesson activity sheets for completion at home (15 minutes/activity)	3.75
3.3 Complete written test	1.0
3.4 Complete accompanying farm hazard inventory	2.0
3.5 Cover pre-operational inspection and practice sheets	1.5
3.6 Complete pre-operational exam	0.5
3.7 Practice for operational exam	2.25
3.8 Complete operational exam	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.0</b>

