

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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STEPHANIE A CONNOR
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 10A-UI-13425-AT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 02/22/09
Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.3-5-b – Training Extension Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Stephanie A. Connor filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated September 23, 2010, reference 04, that denied her request for training extension benefits. After due notice was issued, a telephone hearing was held October 30, 2010 with Ms. Connor participating. Exhibit A was admitted into evidence on her behalf. The administrative law judge takes official notice of Agency benefit payment records.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant eligible for training extension benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witness and having examined all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Stephanie A. Conner filed a claim for unemployment insurance benefits during the week of February 22, 2009. She established a benefit year beginning February 22, 2009 and ending February 21, 2010. She contacted the University of Phoenix in June of 2010 in order to enroll in an associate degree program in healthcare administration. She began classes in August of 2010.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The question is whether the claimant is eligible under the statute for training extension benefits. She is not. Iowa Code section 96.3-5-b requires that applicants for training extension benefits be enrolled in the training program before the end of the benefit year upon which the training extension would be based. In Ms. Connor's case, this means that she must show that she was enrolled in the training program no later than February 21, 2010. The evidence shows, however, that she first contacted the University of Phoenix in June 2010 and began her studies in August. Her request for training extension benefits must be denied.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated September 23, 2010, reference 04, is affirmed. The claimant is not eligible for training extension benefits.

Dan Anderson
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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