

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate of Arts Degree

Education Pathway
CCD.edu/ECE

Early Childhood teacher Education Transfer Major

The following courses represent the statewide transfer agreement between the Colorado Community College System and all Colorado four-year institutions offering early childhood teacher education preparation programs.

The first 51 credit hours are common for all transfer institutions. The final 9 elective credits must be determined carefully as they are specific to the receiving institution (please refer to the footnotes). The four-year college or university will accept all credits in your early childhood education graduation agreement earned within 10 years of transfer. Courses earned more than 10 years earlier will be evaluated on an individual basis. Meet with your academic advisor to select appropriate electives.

COURSE MAP

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 1021	English Composition I: GT-CO1	3
ECE 1011	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ART 1110	Art Appreciation: GT-AH1	3
LIT 2055	Children's Literature: GT-AH2	3
GEO 1005	World Regional Geography: GT-SS2	3
Subtotal		15
Second Semester		
ENG 1022	English Composition II: GT-CO2	3
MAT 1240	Math for Liberal Arts: GT-MA1	4
ECE 1031	Guidance Strategies for Young Children	3
ECE 1045	Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques	3
Choose One Course Based on your Transfer Institution		
ECE 1111	Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice ^{1,4,6}	3
PSY 2440	Human Growth and Development: GT-SS3 ^{2,3}	3
ECE 2411	Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education ⁵	3
Subtotal		16
Third Semester		
ECE 2621	ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques	3
ECE 2381	ECE Child Growth and Development	3
SCI 1055	Integrated Science with Lab: GT-SC1 ⁷	4
Choose One Course Based on your Transfer Institution		
ECE 1125	Introduction to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques ¹	3
ECE 2051	Nutrition, Health and Safety ^{2,5}	3
COM 1150	Public Speaking ⁴	3
ECE 2411	Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education ^{1,3,6}	3
Subtotal		13
Fourth Semester		
ECE 2101	Working with Parents, Families, and Community Systems	3
SCI 1056	Integrated Science II with Lab: GT-SC1 ⁷	4
PSY 1001	General Psychology I: GT-SS3	3
Choose One History Course (GT-HI1)		
HIS 1210	U.S. History to Reconstruction: GT-HI1	3
HIS 1220	U.S. History Since the Civil War: GT-HI1	3
Choose One Course Based on your Transfer Institution		
MAT 1260	Intro to Statistics: GT-MA1 ²	3
ECE 2651	Language and Literacy ³	3
PSY 1002	General Psychology II: GT-SS3 ⁴	3
ECE 2401	Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs ^{5,6}	3

ECE 1125	Introduction to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques ¹	
Subtotal		16
Total Credits		60

- ¹ Adams State University
- ² Colorado State University
- ³ Fort Lewis College
- ⁴ Metropolitan State University
- ⁵ University of Colorado Denver
- ⁶ University of Northern Colorado
- ⁷ Students must pass with a C- or higher in BOTH SCI 1055 and SCI 1056 to satisfy the GT Pathways science requirement.

NOTE: The faculty at Community College of Denver have chosen course elective options for this program of study based on the skills students will need to be successful in this discipline. However, for a complete list of available course options, please go to the Colorado Department of Higher Education Transfer Degree Agreement for this program.

Certificates

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Community College of Denver currently offers three certificates in early childhood education.

- Early Childhood Education Director
- Early Childhood Teacher, Level I
- Para-Professional Educator (Early Childhood Teacher, Level II)

Early Childhood Education Director

This program prepares you for director-qualified positions in early childhood care and education settings. A grade of C or better is required in all certificate and degree courses. Upon completing the director certificate requirements, you will also have met the requirements for the early childhood teacher, level I and level II - ECE certificates. The certificate is fully transferable to the early childhood education A.A.S. degree. Please see your academic advisor about this certificate.

This curriculum meets Colorado Human Services licensing education requirements. In addition to this academic requirement, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires 24 months (3,640 hours) of work experience.

To ensure success in the program, ECE credits older than seven years should not be used towards a currently offered certificate or degree. The program chair can make exceptions for you if you are continually employed in the field (at least 3/4 time) after completing the course.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Meet minimum assessment scores or prerequisites required for general education courses in the program. See your academic advisor for more information.

NOTE: Background checks will be required for some courses in this program and for employment in this field.

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Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ECE 1011	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 1045	Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques	3
ECE 1031	Guidance Strategies for Young Children	3
ECE 1111	Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice	3
ECE 2051	Nutrition, Health and Safety	3
Subtotal		15
Second Semester		
ECE 2621	ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques	3
ECE 2381	ECE Child Growth and Development	3

ECE 2401	Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs	3
ECE 2411	Administration:Human Relations for Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2601	The Exceptional Child	3
Subtotal		15
Total Credits		30

Early Childhood Teacher, Level I

This program is not eligible for federal student aid.

This program prepares you for entry-level positions in early childhood care and education settings. A grade of C or better is required in all certificate and degree programs. In addition to this academic requirement, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires work experience.

All early childhood teacher, level I - ECE certificate credits apply toward the requirements of the A.A.S. degree and certificates in early childhood education.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Meet minimum assessment scores or prerequisites required for general education courses in the program. See your academic advisor for more information.

NOTE: Background checks will be required for employment in this field.

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Code	Title	Credits
Choose One Early Childhood Education Course		3
ECE 1011	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	
ECE 1031	Guidance Strategies for Young Children	
Choose One Early Childhood Education Course		3
ECE 1045	Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques	
ECE 1111	Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice	
ECE 2621	ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques	
ECE 2381	ECE Child Growth and Development	
ECE 2411	Administration:Human Relations for Early Childhood Education	
ECE 2101	Working with Parents, Families, and Community Systems	
Total Credits		6

PARA-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER, LEVEL II

This program prepares you for preschool group leader or infant toddler positions in early childhood care and education settings. A grade of C or better is required in all certificate and degree courses. In addition to this academic requirement, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires work experience.

All early para-professional educator certificate credits apply toward the requirements of the A.A.S. degree in early childhood education. The para-professional educator certificate credits are fully transferable to the early childhood education director certificate if the program requirements are carefully selected with the assistance of your academic advisor.

To ensure success in the program, ECE credits older than seven years should not be used towards a currently offered certificate or degree. The program chair can make exceptions for you if you are continually employed in the field (at least 3/4 time) after completing the course.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Meet minimum assessment scores or prerequisites required for general education courses in the program. See your academic advisor for more information.

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Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ECE 1045	Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques	3
ECE 1031	Guidance Strategies for Young Children	3
Choose One Elective ¹		3
EDU 2211	Introduction to Education	
ECE 1011	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	
Subtotal		9
Second Semester		
ECE 2381	ECE Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 2601	The Exceptional Child	3
Choose One Elective ²		3
ECE 2621	ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques	
ECE 1111	Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice	
Subtotal		9
Total Credits		18