

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate of Arts Degree

Education Pathway
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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		
ECE 1011	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 1045	Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques	3
ENG 1021	English Composition I: GT-CO1	3
MAT 1240	Math for Liberal Arts: GT-MA1	4
Choose One Arts & Humanities Course (GT-AH1~Gt-AH4)		3
ART 1110	Art Appreciation: GT-AH1	
MUS 1020	Music Appreciation: GT-AH1	
THE 1005	Theatre Appreciation: GT-AH1	
Subtotal		16
Second Semester		
ENG 1022	English Composition II: GT-CO2	3
ECE 1031	Guidance Strategies for Young Children	3
Choose One Literature Course (GT-AH1~Gt-AH4)		3
LIT 1015	Introduction to Literature I: GT-AH2	
LIT 2055	Children's Literature: GT-AH2	
Choose One Course Based on your Transfer Institution		3
ECE 1111	Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice ^{1,4,6}	
PSY 2440	Human Growth and Development: GT-SS3 ^{2,3}	
ECE 2411	Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education ⁵	
Subtotal		12
Third Semester		
ECE 2621	ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques	3
ECE 2381	ECE Child Growth and Development	3
GEO 1005	World Regional Geography: GT-SS2	3
SCI 1055	Integrated Science with Lab: GT-SC1 ⁷	4
Choose One Course Based on your Transfer Institution		3
ECE 1125	Introduction to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques ¹	
ECE 2051	Nutrition, Health and Safety ^{2,5}	
COM 1150	Public Speaking ⁴	
ECE 2411	Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education ^{1,3,6}	
Subtotal		16
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)		3
HIS 1210	U.S. History to Reconstruction: GT-HI1	
HIS 1220	U.S. History Since the Civil War: GT-HI1	
Choose One Course Based on your Transfer Institution		3
MAT 1260	Intro to Statistics: GT-MA1 ²	

ECE 2651	Language and Literacy ³	
PSY 1002	General Psychology II: GT-SS3 ⁴	
ECE 2401	Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs ^{5,6}	
ECE 1125	Introduction to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques ¹	
Subtotal		16
Total Credits		60

- Adams State University
- Colorado State University
- Fort Lewis College
- Metropolitan State University
- University of Colorado Denver
- University of Northern Colorado
- 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.

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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Early Childhood Education

This program meets the academic needs of personnel involved in the care and education of young children (birth through 8 years) and all Colorado Department of Human Services licensing academic requirements. A grade of C or better is required in all degree courses. Upon completing the degree requirements, you will have met the requirements for the early childhood teacher, level I and level II - certificates and the early childhood education director certificate.

In addition to the academic requirement, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires 24 months (3,640 hours) of work experience.

To ensure success in the program, early childhood education 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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ECE 1045	Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques	3
ECE 1031	Guidance Strategies for Young Children	3
ENG 1021	English Composition I: GT-CO1	3
Choose One Mathematics Course		3
MAT 1140	Career Math	
MAT 1220	Integrated Math I: GT-MA1	
Subtotal		15
Second Semester		
COM 1150	Public Speaking	3
ECE 2051	Nutrition, Health and Safety	3
ECE 2621	ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques	3
Choose One Elective		3

PSY 1001	General Psychology I: GT-SS3	
PSY 1002	General Psychology II: GT-SS3	
SOC 1001	Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3	
Choose One Early Childhood Education Course		3
ECE 1111	Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice	
ECE 1125	Introduction to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques	
Subtotal		15
Third Semester		
ECE 1008	The Assessment Process in Early Childhood Education	1
ECE 1088	Practicum: Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2365	Child Growth/Development Laboratory	1
ECE 2381	ECE Child Growth and Development	3
Choose One Elective		3
MUS 1020	Music Appreciation: GT-AH1	
ART 1110	Art Appreciation: GT-AH1	
Choose One Early Childhood Education Course		3
ECE 2641	Creativity and the Young Child	
ECE 2651	Language and Literacy	
Subtotal		14
Fourth Semester		
ECE 2061	Observing and Utilizing Young Children's Assessment Instruments	1
ECE 2401	Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs	3
ECE 2411	Administration:Human Relations for Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2101	Working with Parents, Families, and Community Systems	3
ECE 2088	Practicum: Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2601	The Exceptional Child	3
Subtotal		16
Total Credits		60

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.

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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
Subtotal		12
Second Semester		
ECE 2051	Nutrition, Health and Safety	3
ECE 2621	ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques	3
ECE 2365	Child Growth/Development Laboratory	1
ECE 2381	ECE Child Growth and Development	3
Choose One Elective		3
ECE 2641	Creativity and the Young Child	
ECE 2651	Language and Literacy	
Subtotal		13
Third Semester		
ECE 2401	Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs	3
ECE 2411	Administration:Human Relations for Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2101	Working with Parents, Families, and Community Systems	3
ECE 2601	The Exceptional Child	3
Subtotal		12
Total Credits		37

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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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 childhood teacher, level II - ECE certificate credits apply toward the requirements of the A.A.S. degree in early childhood education. The early childhood teacher, level II - ECE 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

¹ Choose EDU 2211 if you are interested in working with Grades 4-12.
Choose ECE 1011 if you are interested in working with Grades K-3 and/or are interested in the Directors Certificate.

² Choose ECE 2621 if you are interested in working with Grades 4-12.
Choose ECE 1111 if you are interested in working with Grades K-3.