

Early Childhood Education

Career & Technical Degrees and Certificates

Associate of Applied Science: Early Childhood Education This program provides training for those who want to become involved in the care and education of young children from birth to age eight. Early childhood education, like all education, demands well-prepared teachers. A growing body of research supports the value of high-quality early childhood programs for children's later success in school and later in life; and the most important part of that is the teacher. Courses in theory and lab experiences are combined with general education courses to provide a comprehensive base of training in the field of early childhood care and education. Unique learning profiles such as giftedness, at-risk, special needs, and English language learners are also covered in the course of training. This program enables students to meet the educational qualifications for Group Leader and Director as defined by the Department of Human Services of the State of Colorado.

Completion of this program positions students to obtain employment in a variety of early childhood education settings, such as: school district preschool paraprofessional, Head Start teacher, Early Childhood Resource and Referral Agency worker, child care center lead teacher, infant nursery supervisor or director, and family child care home operator. The Associate of Applied Science degree prepares students to enter either skilled or paraprofessional occupations, or to advance in the current job. These programs are not intended to transfer to bachelor's degree programs, but certain courses may be accepted at some institutions.

Students must demonstrate college-level reading for ECE-101, 102, 205, 238, and 241. Prior to enrollment in all other ECE courses, students must place into REA-090 (or higher) through the Accuplacer assessment. Students must also demonstrate college-level proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics as pre-requisites for general education courses within this degree. Skills in these areas may affect the sequence of courses in which students can enroll and may extend the time required to complete this program. Please see your advisor for testing requirements and a recommended sequence of courses.

Graduates will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Early Childhood Education is offered at Steamboat Springs, Summit Campus - Breckenridge & Dillon, Timberline Campus -Leadville & Buena Vista, Rifle, and Edwards and through Online Learning.

General Education Requirements (15 credits)

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| _____ | ENG 115 Technical English & Communication | 3 |
| | <i>OR</i> | |
| _____ | 🔒 ENG 121 English Composition I | (3) |
| _____ | MAT 107 Career Math | 3 |
| _____ | 🔒 PSY 101 General Psychology I | 3 |
| _____ | * CIS 118 Introduction to PC Applications | 3 |
| _____ | 🔒 SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology I | 3 |
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Program Requirements (46 credits)

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| _____ | * ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 102 Introduction to Early Childhood Lab Techniques | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 111 Infant & Toddler Theory and Practice | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 112 Introduction to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 188 Practicum: Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 205 Nutrition, Health & Safety | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 220 Curriculum Development: Methods & Technique | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 226 Creativity & the Young Child | 3 |

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| _____ | * ECE 238 Child Growth and Development | 4 |
| _____ | ECE 240 Administration: Early Childhood Care & Education Programs | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 241 Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 260 Exceptional Child | 3 |
| _____ | ECE Advised Elective | (min. 3 cr) |
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Minimum Credit Hours Required

60-61

Minimum Contact Hours Required

990 - 1020

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Students must demonstrate college-level reading for ECE-101, 102, 205, 238, and 241. Prior to enrollment in all other ECE courses, students must place into REA-090 (or higher) through the Accuplacer assessment. For details see your advisor.

Early Childhood Education: Group Leader

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| _____ | * ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 102 Introduction to Early Childhood Lab Techniques | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 220 Curriculum Development Methods & Techniques | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 238 Child Growth and Development | 4 |

Minimum Credit Hours Required

16

Minimum Contact Hours Required

300

Early Childhood Education: Director

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| _____ | * ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 102 Introduction to Early Childhood Lab Techniques | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 111 Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 205 Nutrition, Health & Safety | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 220 Curriculum Development Methods & Techniques | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 238 Child Growth and Development | 4 |
| _____ | ECE 240 Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs | 3 |
| _____ | * ECE 241 Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| _____ | ECE 260 Exceptional Child | 3 |

Minimum Credit Hours Required

31

Minimum Contact Hours Required

525