



Early Childhood Teacher CDHS (Colorado Department of Human Services) Minimal Qualifications Certificate Want to make a difference in a young child’s life? Consider the field of Early Childhood Education. Research supports the importance of high quality, early childhood programs which impact children’s development throughout their school years and on into adult life. One of the most importance influences is the teacher.

Arapahoe Community College and the Early Childhood Education program faculty are committed to prepare professionals to work with young children, birth through age 8 in a variety of settings. The Early Childhood Teacher CDHS Minimal Qualifications Certificate will prepare students for early childhood teacher positions in early childhood care and education settings. Upon completion of these classes, you will have met academic requirements as an Early Childhood Teacher. In addition to the academic requirements, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires at least 24 months (3,640 hours) of verifiable work experience.

All Early Childhood and general education coursework must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Required Courses	Credits	Pre or Co Reqs Rqd	Course Availability		
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Required Courses					
• ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education OR ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• ECE Elective - Select any course with an ECE prefix	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Pre-Requisites, Co-Requisites, and Recommendations (grade C or better required)

Where requirements are listed as course categories (e.g. Electives, Arts/Humanities) rather than as specific courses, please note that depending upon course choice, pre-requisites may be required.

Notes

- Course availability is subject to change.
- In addition to the academic requirements, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires at least 24 months (3,640 hours) of verifiable work experience with infants and toddlers in a group setting.
- Recommended courses may be listed above for certain electives; consult with the Academic Advising Office (advising@arapahoe.edu or 303.797.5664) for additional elective recommendations.
- Refer to 19/20 catalog for specific requirements and important information about this certificate.
- Students pursuing this certificate MUST complete and pass a background check. Go to cccs.castlebranch.com and complete the background check with Castle Branch.

Graduation Requirements

- All coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- To graduate, students must apply for graduation (form available at www.arapahoe.edu/departments-and-programs/graduation) by the deadline and meet all degree requirements.



RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE PART-TIME TRACK

Year 1: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education OR ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children
	3	ECE Elective