Academic Plan - Certificate Early Childhood Education Teacher

**Catalog Year: 2019/2020**

**Total Credits:27**

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 important 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 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 nine months (1,395 hours) of verifiable work experience. All Early Childhood and general education coursework must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

# Major Courses

3 Credits, ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education\*, available fall spring summer

3 Credits, ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques, available fall spring

3 Credits, ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children\*, available fall spring summer

3 Credits, ECE 111 - Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice\*, available fall spring

3 Credits, ECE 205 - ECE Nutrition, Health, and Safety, available fall spring

3 Credits, ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques, available fall spring

3 Credits, ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development\*, available fall spring

3 Credits, ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child, available fall spring

3 Credits, ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education, available spring

# Pre-Requisites, Co-Requisites, and Recommendations

ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques

Pre-Requisite: ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Pre-Requisite: ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children

Waiver: A waiver for these pre-requisites allowed by instructor permission

ECE 111 - Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice\*

Pre-Requisite OR Co-Requisite: ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

ECE 205 - ECE Nutrition, Health, and Safety

Pre-Requisite: ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques

Pre-Requisite: ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child

Pre-Requisite: ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Pre-Requisite: ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development

ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education

Pre-Requisite: ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Pre-Requisite: ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques

Pre-Requisite: ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children

Pre-Requisite: ECE 111 - Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice

Pre-Requisite: ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques

Pre-Requisite: ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development

# Notes

ECE 111 and 260 are only available in an online format during the Fall term.

ECE 102, ECE 205, and ECE 238 are only available in an online format during the Spring term.

Students pursuing this certificate MUST complete and pass a background check. Go to cccs.castlebranch.com and complete the background check with Castle Branch.

In addition to the academic requirements, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires at least nine months (1,395 hours) of verifiable work experience.

Course availability is subject to change.

Refer to 19/20 catalog for specific requirements and important information about this certificate.

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.

\*This course requires college level readiness as measured by Accuplacer, ACT, or SAT scores; approved high school course work that is less than five years old; or successful completion of appropriate college-readiness course.

# 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 FULL-TIME TRACK

## Year 1: Fall

3 Credits, ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

3 Credits, ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques

3 Credits, ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children

3 Credits, ECE 205 - ECE Nutrition, Health, and Safety

3 Credits, ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development

## Year 1: Spring

3 Credits, ECE 111 - Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice

3 Credits, ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques

3 Credits, ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child

3 Credits, ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education

# RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE PART-TIME TRACK

## Year 1: Fall

3 Credits, ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education

3 Credits, ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children

## Year 1: Spring

3 Credits, ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques

3 Credits, ECE 111 - Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice

## Year 2: Fall

3 Credits, ECE 205 - ECE Nutrition, Health, and Safety

3 Credits, ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques

3 Credits, ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development

## Year 2: Spring

3 Credits, ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child

3 Credits, ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education