Academic Plan - Certificate Early Childhood Education Director

# Catalog Year: 2020/2021

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 Director Certificate will prepare students for early childhood director positions in early childhood care and education settings. Upon completion of these classes, you will have met academic requirements as an Early Childhood Director. In addition to the academic requirements, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires at least twenty-four months (3,640 hours) of verifiable work experience.

# Total Credits: 33

# A - Required 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 240 - Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs, available fall spring

3 Credits, ECE 241 - Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education, 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 240 - Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs

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

ECE 241 - Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education

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

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

# Notes

ECE 111, 241, and 260 are only available in an online format during the Fall term.

ECE 102, ECE 205, ECE 238, and 240 are only available in an online format during the Spring term.

Students pursuing this certificate MUST complete and pass a background check. Go to www.coececompliance.com and complete the background check with American Data Bank.

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

Course availability is subject to change.

Refer to 20/21 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.

†Course may only be available online during certain semesters.

# Graduation Requirements

All coursework must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

To graduate, students must apply for graduation [here](http://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

3 Credits, ECE 240 - Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs

## 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 241 - Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education

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

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

## 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 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques

3 Credits, ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development

3 Credits, ECE 240 - Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs

## Year 2: Spring

3 Credits, ECE 241 - Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education

3 Credits, ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child

3 Credits, ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education