

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.

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		
			Fall	Spr	Sum
<b>Required Courses</b>					
• ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education* (3 Cr.)†	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques (3 Cr.)	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children* (3 Cr.)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 111 - Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice* (3 Cr.)†	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 205 - ECE Nutrition, Health, and Safety (3 Cr.)†	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques (3 Cr.)†	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development* (3 Cr.)†	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 240 - Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs (3 Cr.)†	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 241 - Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)†	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child (3 Cr.)†	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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.

ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques (3 Cr.)

- 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\* (3 Cr.)

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

ECE 205 - ECE Nutrition, Health, and Safety (3 Cr.)

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

ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques (3 Cr.)

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

ECE 240 - Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs (3 Cr.)

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

ECE 241 - Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)

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

ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child (3 Cr.)

- Pre-Requisite: ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Pre-Requisite: ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development

ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)

- 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**

- \*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.
- Completion of an FBI background check is required for all students entering the program. This process is completed online with an associated cost. Contact Castle Branch.
- Course availability is subject to change.
- ECE 102, ECE 205, ECE 238, and 240 are only available in an online format during the Spring term.
- ECE 111, 241, and 260 are only available in an online format during the Fall term.
- In addition to the academic requirements, the Colorado Department of Human Services requires at least 24 months (3,640 hours) of verifiable work experience.



- Recommended courses may be listed above for certain electives; consult with the Academic Advising Office ([advising@arapahoe.edu](mailto:advising@arapahoe.edu) or 303.797.5664) for additional elective recommendations.
- Refer to 21/22 catalog for specific requirements and important information about this certificate.

### 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](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	Credits	Course
	3	ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 205 - ECE Nutrition, Health, and Safety (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 240 - Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs (3 Cr.)
Year 1: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	ECE 111 - Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 241 - Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE PART-TIME TRACK

Year 1: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)†
	3	ECE 103 - Guidance Strategies for Young Children (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 205 - ECE Nutrition, Health, and Safety (3 Cr.)†
Year 1: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	ECE 102 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education Techniques (3 Cr.)
	3	ECE 111 - Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice (3 Cr.)†
Year 2: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	ECE 220 - ECE Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques (3 Cr.)†
	3	ECE 238 - ECE Child Growth and Development (3 Cr.)†
	3	ECE 240 - Administration of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs (3 Cr.)†
Year 2: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	ECE 241 - Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)†
	3	ECE 260 - The Exceptional Child (3 Cr.)†
	3	ECE 288 - Practicum: Early Childhood Education (3 Cr.)