

1. **Certificate programs provide career skills to enable students to enter the job market after graduation, retrain in a new career, or upgrade employment skills. Occupational courses are designed to meet these needs instead of transferring to four-year institutions; however, four-year institutions may accept some courses. Check with your college of transfer intent for more info.**
1. **By completing some general education requirements, most certificate programs lead to an AAS Degree. Consult the website or a CCA advisor for more info.**
2. **You must apply for graduation on the website or at Enrollment Services prior to your final semester.**

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to meet the vocational needs of people seeking employment or who are already employed in the early childhood field. Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care licensing requirements can be met upon completion of selected courses. The program emphasis is on children ages 8 and under.

CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

The Director Certificate is based on the Colorado Dept. of Human Services, Division of Child Care, and Community Colleges of Colorado System Early Childhood Professions' requirements for directors of child care centers. Students must complete 30 credit hours of required ECE courses to satisfy the academic requirements. The Division of Child Care also requires 3640 hours (24 months) of experience working directly with children under first grade in a child development program.

Certificate Requirements – 30 credits

ECE 101 Intro. to Early Childhood Education	3 cr.
ECE 102 Intro. to ECE Lab Techniques	3 cr.
ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Young Children	3 cr.
ECE 205 Nutrition, Health & Safety	3 cr.
ECE 220 Curriculum Development: Methods & Techniques	3 cr.
PSY 238 Child Development	3 cr.
ECE 240 Admin of Early Childhood Care & Education Programs	3 cr.
ECE 241 Admin: Human Relations for Early Childhood Professions	3 cr.
ECE 260 The Exceptional Child	3 cr.
ECE Elective	3 cr.

Director, Early Childhood Certificate, Total 30 cr.