



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION GROUP LEADER CERTIFICATE, 2008-09

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.
2. By completing some general education requirements, most certificate programs lead to an AAS Degree. Consult the website or a CCA advisor for more info.
3. 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 Group Leader Certificate is based on the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care, and Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System Early Childhood Education requirements for child care providers in a license setting. Students must complete 15 credit hours of required Early Childhood Education courses to satisfy the academic requirements. Division of Child Care requires 1395 hours (nine months) of work experience in a group care environment.

#### Certificate Requirements – 15 credits

ECE 101 Intro. to Early Childhood Education	3 cr.
ECE 102 Intro to Early Childhood Education Lab Techniques	3 cr.
ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children	3 cr.
ECE 220 Curriculum Development: Methods & Techniques	3 cr.
PSY 238 Child Development	3 cr.

Group Leader, Early Childhood Certificate, Total 15 cr.