

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LICENSURE (BIRTH – AGE 8)

Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development (B.A.)

Catalog Year 2026-2027

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) track in the Education and Human Development (EDHD) major has a strong focus on engaging Colorado's rapidly diversifying student and family population. It combines cutting-edge research with real classroom experiences. Provided is a robust knowledge base and relevant learning experiences in children's thinking, culturally responsive education, supporting dual language learners, inclusive and engaging classroom and curricular design, and assessment and documentation of young children's learning. The 126-credit-hour licensure track fulfills all requirements for a license to teach children, Birth to age 8, in Colorado's school districts and community-based early childhood centers. This track prepares students to become teachers of children up through third grade. Field-based experiences take place in the School of Education's Professional Development network of partner schools.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

The School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) requires all students to meet with their Academic Advisor several times a year to develop and learn more about their own individualized plan of study.

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## GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

To receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Denver, students must satisfy all of the requirements below, in addition to completing a Major and fulfilling all of their School or College requirements.

1. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to graduate from CU Denver with a bachelor's level degree.
2. A minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA is required for all University of Colorado coursework.
3. Satisfactory completion of the CU Denver Core Curriculum.

In addition to the general university graduation requirements listed above, all SEHD students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Students must earn a final grade of at least a C (2.0) in major courses and a B- (2.7) or above in designated major courses and Professional Year Residency courses within the major. These courses/requirements must be repeated if the student fails to earn the grade required.
2. Students must complete required classroom-based field experiences.
3. Students must complete all program assessments and professional milestones as outlined in the Student Handbook. For teacher education licensure students, this includes meeting Colorado Department of Education content competency requirements.
4. Students must complete all requirements associated with their SEHD major.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

**Students are responsible for meeting with the academic advisor in the School of Education & Human Development to confirm major requirements.** Students completing the Education and Human Development BA degree in Early Childhood Education Licensure (EDHD – Early Childhood Education Licensure) must meet the minimum program requirements listed below.

1. Students must complete a minimum total of 126 semester hours for the EDHD Early Childhood Education Track.
2. Students must meet the Colorado Department of Education content competency requirements through approved Multiple Measures or by passing the appropriate Praxis.
3. Application to the last year of the program, the Professional Year, is required. After successfully completing all other Core, major, and elective courses, all students must apply for admission into the Professional Year. Requirements for admission include a 3.0 GPA, positive letters of recommendation, successful evaluations of earlier clinical experiences, and a successful interview. (Students with a lower GPA may be considered under certain conditions. Please see the SEHD website.)
4. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all major courses applying to EDHD - Early Childhood Education requirements unless otherwise specified.
5. Students must complete and maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average in Professional Year coursework to complete licensure requirements. Please see an advisor for more information on this requirement.
6. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.

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Courses	Credits	Notes
<b>* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *</b>		
<b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34 - 37</b>	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
<b>EDHD – Elementary Education Requirements</b>	<b>60</b>	
INTE 2000 Digital Teaching and Learning	3	
HDFR 1010 Lifespan Development or HDFR 2110 Child Ecology	3	
CLDE 2000 Foundations of Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Edu	3	† Education Licensure Course
MTED 3040 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3	† Education Licensure Course
ECED 2000 ECE as a Profession	3	
EDFN 4010 Social Foundations & Cultural Diversity in Urban Education	3	*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed; † Education Licensure Course
ECED 4060 Working with Families, Professionals, and Communities	3	*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed
ECED 2030 Nutrition, Health, and Safety	3	*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed
ECED 4040 Leading Early Childhood Programs	3	
ECED 4650 Dual Language Learners	3	
ECED 4102 Develop Appropriate Curriculum Methods and Techniques	3	
ECED 1202 Child Guidance and Classroom Community	3	*Prerequisite: 57+ credit hours completed
EDFN 1000 or LCRT 2000 or LCRT 3815	3	
<b>Clinical Field Experience: Community-Based</b>		‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
EDHD 1930 Community-Based Field Experience & Seminar	3	† Education Licensure Course; ‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Infants &amp; Toddlers</b>		*Prerequisite: EDHD 1930; ‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
ECED 2935 Infant / Toddler Field Experience & Seminar	3	† Education Licensure Course; ‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
ECED 3110 Development of Infants & Toddlers	3	‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Learning &amp; Development</b>		*Prerequisite: EDHD 1930; ‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
EDHD 2930 Learning & Development Field Experience & Seminar	3	† Education Licensure Course; ‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
LCRT 3720 Introduction to Writing Development & Teaching	3	‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
LCRT 4000 Elementary Literacy Instruction & Assessment PK-2	3	‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
ECED 4200 Observation, Screening and Assessment of YC	3	‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
<b>Estimated General Electives</b>	<b>7 - 10</b>	General Elective credits will vary; consult with advisor
<b>Professional Year Courses</b>	<b>28</b>	§ Professional Year (separate admission required; see note below)
LCRT 4710 Primary Literacy for Diverse Learners Pre K - 3rd Grade	3	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
MTED 4002 Elementary Mathematics Teaching I	3	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
SCED 4004 Elem Science Teaching	3	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
UEDU 4040 Planning for Learning	3	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
UEDU 4050 Capstone: Planning, Instruction & Assessment	3	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
SPED 4030 Understanding (dis)Ability in Contemporary Classrooms	3	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
UEDU 4931 Internship & Learning Community I	2	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
UEDU 4932 Internship & Learning Community II	2	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
UEDU 4933 Internship & Learning Community III	6	† Education Licensure Course; § Professional Year
<b>Total Program Hours:</b>	<b>126</b>	

† **Education Licensure Course:** requires a minimum grade of B- or higher

‡ **Clinical Field Experience Block:**

- All courses in a clinical field experience block must be taken together, in the same semester
- Field experience paperwork deadlines:
  - Fall placement = 4/1 Priority deadline: 4/15 Final deadline
  - Spring placement = 11/1 Priority deadline; 11/15 Final deadline

§ **Professional Year:** Admission to Professional Year required

- Requirements for admission to Professional Year include:
  - A minimum GPA of 3.0 in major coursework
  - Successful completion of all other coursework (including Core, major, and elective requirements)
  - Successful completion of the application and interview process
- Professional Year application deadlines:
  - Fall start = 2/15 deadline
  - Spring start = 10/1 deadline

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## SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double majors. Consult an academic advisor to develop an individualized plan of study. **Students deviating from this plan must fulfill course prerequisites and meet with their department's academic advisor to confirm degree requirements.**

*\*Note: Many required courses are also available in summer semesters.*

### Year One

Fall	CRS
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
CU Denver Core Arts	3
CU Denver Core Humanities	3
CLDE 2000 / SEHD Learning Community	3
MTED 3040	3
General Elective – UNIV 1110 / SEHD Learning Community	1
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
EDFN 1000 or LCRT 2000 or LCRT 3815	3
<i>Clinical Field Experience Block: Community-Based</i>	
EDHD 1930	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Year Two

Fall	CRS
HDFR 1010 or HDFR 2110	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
ECED 2000	3
ECED 4060	3
<i>Clinical Field Experience Block: Infants &amp; Toddlers</i>	
ECED 2935	3
ECED 3110	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

Spring	CRS
EDFN 4010	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
ECED 2030	3
ECED 4102	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### Year Three

Fall	CRS
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
ECED 1202	3
ECED 4650	3
ECED 4040	3
INTE 2000	3
General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

Spring	CRS
CU Denver Core Social Sciences	3
<i>Clinical Field Experience Block: Learning &amp; Development</i>	
EDHD 2930	3
LCRT 3720	3
LCRT 4000	3
ECED 4200	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

In second semester of year three, apply for admission to Professional Year. Deadlines for Professional Year application are 2/15 for Fall start or 10/1 for Spring start.

### Year Four: Professional Year

Fall	CRS
LCRT 4710	3
UEDU 4040	3
MTED 4002	3
SCED 4004	3
UEDU 4931	2
UEDU 4932	2
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	CRS
UEDU 4050	3
SPED 4030	3
UEDU 4933	6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>

After graduation, apply for a teaching license through the Colorado Department of Education.