

# EDUCATION AND LEARNING SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development (B.A.)  
Catalog Year 2026 - 2027

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Education and Learning Sciences track in the Education and Human Development BA provides opportunities for students to explore education and learning in contexts outside of teaching in schools. The program is designed to provide students with knowledge in current theories of learning, mind, brain, learning connections, theories of motivation, and designing strong learning environments. Students also complete multiple experiences in the field to support connections between practice and theory. This 120-credit hour track is ideal for students who are interested in education in roles outside of teaching including outdoor education and informal learning environments, museum learning, international teaching and non-profits to name a few.

## 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. These courses/requirements must be repeated if the student fails to earn the grade required.
2. Students must complete required field experiences.
3. Students must complete all program assessments and professional milestones as outlined in the Student Handbook.
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 Community-Based Early Childhood Education (EDHD – Community-Based Early Childhood Education) are required to complete the minimum program requirements below.

1. Students must complete a total of 120 semester hours for the EDHD – Education and Learning Sciences degree
2. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all courses applying to EDHD – Education and Learning Sciences requirements unless otherwise specified.
3. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.

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1. Students must complete a total of 120 semester hours for the EDHD – Education and Learning Sciences
2. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for identified major coursework.
3. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.

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>Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34</b>	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
<b>EDHD – Education and Learning Sciences Requirements</b>	<b>33</b>	
<i><b>Foundations</b></i>		
EDFN 1000 or LCRT 2000 or LCRT 3815	3	
CLDE 1000 Language, Identity, & Power	3	
INTE 2000 Digital Teaching and Learning	3	
SPED 4400 Universal Design for Learning	3	
<i><b>Developmental Course, Choose One</b></i>		
HDFR 1010 Lifespan Development		
HDFR 2110 Child Ecology		
HDFR 3050 Children’s Thinking & Assessment		
HDFR 3100 Adolescent Ecology		
<i><b>Learning Sciences Courses</b></i>		
LDFS 4110: Human Learning Sciences Perspective	3	
LDFS 4320 Mind, Brain & Education or LDFS 4600 Motivation in Contexts	3	
LDFS 4750 Design Environ for Learn and Development	3	Junior standing required
<i><b>Field Experiences</b></i>		
EDHD 1930 Community-Based Field Experience & Seminar I	3	
EDHD 2930 Learning & Development Field Experience & Seminar	3	*Prerequisite: EDHD 1930;
<i><b>Capstone Applied Experience</b></i>		
LDFS 4960: Culminating Capstone Experience	3	Taken during final semester/year in program, *Prerequisites: LDFS 4110, LDFS 4750
<b>Estimated Electives</b>	<b>53</b>	The student will work with their Advisor to customize electives to meet their career goals.
<b>Total Program Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>	

### † Clinical Field Experience Block:

- Field experience paperwork deadlines:
  - Fall placement = 4/1 Priority deadline: 4/15 Final deadline
  - Spring placement = 11/1 Priority deadline; 11/15 Final 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. **Students deviating from this plan must fulfill course prerequisites and must meet with the academic advisor in their department 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 Humanities	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics	3
INTE 2000	3
Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
CU Denver Core Arts	3
Elective	3
EDFN 1000 or LCRT 2000 or LCRT 3815	3
<b>Field Experience</b>	
EDHD 1930	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### Year Two

Fall	CRS
HDFR 2110 or HDFR 1010 or HDFR 3050 or HDFR 3100	3
Elective	3
CLDE 1000	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
CU Denver Core Social Sciences	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	CRS
Elective	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
Elective	3
Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Year Three

Fall	CRS
SPED 4400	3
LDFS 4110	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	CRS
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
LDFS 4750	3
<b>Field Experience</b>	3
EDHD 2930	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### Year Four

Fall	CRS
LDFS 4960	3
Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	CRS
Elective	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
LDFS 4320 or LDFS 4600	3
Elective	3
Elective	2
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>