

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LICENSURE (BIRTH – AGE 8)

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

Catalog Year 2026 – 2027

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

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.

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

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 in Early Childhood Education (EDHD – Early Childhood Education) are required to 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, Professional Year Residency 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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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete before transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent courses from the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. **It is critical that students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	31		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3	GT-MA1 <i>or</i> MAT 1220 <i>or</i> MAT 1230	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH (LIT 2055)	
Behavioral Sciences	3	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3	GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4	GT-SC1 (SCI 1055)	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3	GT-SC2 (SCI 1056) <i>or</i> GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) <i>or</i> GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>)	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	
EDHD – Early Childhood Ed Major Courses	24		
ECED 2000 ECE as a Profession	3	ECE 1011	
EDHD 1930 Comm Based Field Exp. & Seminar †	3	ECE 1045 <i>or</i> EDU 2211 <i>and</i> EDU 1088/2088 (<i>minimum grade of B- required for licensure</i>)	
ECED 1202 Child Guidance and Classrm Comm	3	ECE 1031	
ECED 4102 Develop Appropriate Curric Methods	3	ECE 2621	
HDFR 2110 Child Ecology	3	ECE 2381 <i>or</i> PSYC 2240 <i>or</i> PSYC 2381	
ECED 4060 Working w/ Fams, Profs, and Comms	3	ECE 2101	
ECED 2030 Nutrition, Health, and Safety	3	ECE 2051	
ECED 4040 Leading Early Childhood Programs	3	ECE 2401	
Electives	7		
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	62	<i>Students completing fewer than 60 applicable transfer credits will need to complete additional credits at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver SEHD Academic Advisor.</i>	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

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SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One at CU Denver

Semester 1	CRS
CLDE 2000 †	3
INTE 2000	3
EDFN 4010 †	3
ECED 4650	3
<i>Clinical Field Experience Block #2: Infants & Toddlers ‡</i>	
ECED 2935 † §	3
Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	18

Semester 2	CRS
EDFN 1000	3
<i>Clinical Field Experience Block #3: Learning & Development ‡</i>	
EDHD 2930 † §	3
LCRT 3720 §	3
LCRT 4000 §	3
ECED 4200 §	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
Total Credit Hours	18

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 Two at CU Denver

Semester 1	CRS
LCRT 4710 †	3
UEDU 4040 †	3
MTED 4002 †	3
SCED 4004 †	3
UEDU 4931 †	2
UEDU 4932 †	2
Total Credit Hours	16

Semester 2	CRS
UEDU 4050 †	3
SPED 4030 †	3
UEDU 4933 †	6
Total Credit Hours	12

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

† Education Licensure Course: requires 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