

**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. This 120 credit hour track is ideal for students who currently and/or intend to work in community-based early childhood environments that serve children from infancy-age five years or as paraprofessionals. Courses include field-based experiences that can take place in settings where students currently work. Students fulfill the Colorado Department of Human Services Director Qualification requirements. The non-licensure track ensures that students can apply for one additional semester to fulfill licensure requirements. Students who elect to fulfill licensure requirements must pass the Praxis II in advance of this additional semester where they will be placed for an internship in an SEHD professional development school.

**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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**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 Elementary Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure (EDHD – Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure) are required to complete the minimum program requirements below.

1. Students must complete a total of 120 semester hours for the EDHD - Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure Track
2. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all courses applying to EDHD – Early Childhood non-licensure requirements unless otherwise specified.
3. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the 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 (Non-Licensure Track) are required to complete the minimum program requirements below. Additionally, students will choose to complete either the *Teaching Strand* or the *Leading Strand*.

1. Students must complete a total of 120 semester hours for the EDHD - Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure Track
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 - 37</b>	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
<b>EDHD – Early Childhood Education (Non-Licensure) Requirements</b>	<b>77</b>	
INTE 2000 Digital Teaching and Learning	3	
HDFR 2110 Child Ecology or HDFR 3050 Children’s Thinking & Assess	3	
CLDE 2000 Foundations of Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Edu	3	*Minimum grade of B- required
MTED 3040 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3	* Minimum grade of B- required
HDFR Choice 1 (HDFR 3020, 4001, 4010, 4040, or 4260)	3	Other HDFR courses may substitute with advisor approval
HDFR Choice 2 (HDFR 3020, 4001, 4010, 4040, or 4260)	3	Other HDFR courses may substitute with advisor approval
ECED 2000 Early Childhood Education as a Profession	3	
EDFN 4010 Social Foundations & Cultural Diversity in Urban Education	3	*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed; *Minimum grade of B- required
ECED 4060 Working with Families, Professionals, and Communities	3	*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed
ECED 4030 Nutrition, Health, and Safety	3	*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed
ECED 4040 Administration Seminar or HDFR Choice 2	3	
ECED 4650 Dual Language Learners Learning and Development	3	
ECED 4102 Develop Appropriate Curriculum Methods and Techniques	3	
ECED 4202 Child Guidance and Classroom Community	3	*Prerequisite: 57+ credit hours completed
UEDU 4040 Planning for Learning	3	
SPED 4030 Understand (dis)Ability	3	*Minimum grade of B- required
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Community-Based</b>	<b>6</b>	† Clinical Field Experience Block
EDHD 1930 Community Based Field Experience & Seminar I	3	† Clinical Field Experience Block * Minimum grade of B- required
EDFN 1000 Equity, Rights & Education	3	Satisfies CU Denver Core Social Science Requirement; † Clinical Field Experience Block
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Infants &amp; Toddlers</b>	<b>6</b>	*Prerequisites: EDHD 1930; † Clinical Field Experience Block
ECED 2930 Infant / Toddler Field Experience & Seminar	3	† Clinical Field Experience Block
ECED 4070 Development of Infants & Toddler	3	† Clinical Field Experience Block
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Learning &amp; Development</b>	<b>9</b>	*Prerequisites: EDHD 1930; † Clinical Field Experience Block
EDHD 2930 Learning & Development Field Experience & Seminar	3	† Clinical Field Experience Block *Minimum grade of B- required
LCRT 4710 Primary Literacy for Diverse Learners Pre K - 3rd Grade	3	† Clinical Field Experience Block
ECED 4200 Assessment ECE Classrooms	3	† Clinical Field Experience Block
<b>Final Field Experience</b>	<b>8</b>	*Prerequisites: EDHD 2930, ECED 2930, permission to add; consult with advisor
ECED 4933 Internship III & Collaborative Learning Community	8	Taken in two semesters at 4 credits, for a total of 8 credits *Minimum grade of B- required
<b>Estimated General Electives</b>	<b>6 - 12</b>	General Elective credits will vary; consult with advisor
<b>Total Program Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>	

### † 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

## 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 Arts	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	CLDE 2000 / SEHD Learning Community	3
	MTED 3040 / SEHD Learning Community	3
	General Elective – UNIV 1110 / SEHD Learning Community	1
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	CRS
ENGL2030 – Core Composition II	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 3041 <i>recommended</i>	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Community-Based</b>	
EDHD 1930	3
EDFN 1000 ( <i>satisfies CU Denver Core Social Science</i> )	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	HDFR 2110 or HDFR 3050	3
	ECED 2000	3
	ECED 4060	3
	<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Infants &amp; Toddlers</b>	
	ECED 2930	3
	ECED 4070	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	CRS
EDFN 4010	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
ECED 4030	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
	INTE 2000	3
	ECED 4202	3
	ECED 4650	3
	ECED 4040	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Spring	CRS
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
HDFR Choice #1	3
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Learning &amp; Development</b>	
EDHD 2930	3
LCRT 4710	3
ECED 4200	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	UEDU 4040	3
	ECED 4933	4
	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3
	General Elective	2
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Spring	CRS
ECED 4933	4
HDFR Choice #2	3
General Elective	3
SPED 4030	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>