

# COMMUNITY-BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## Non-Licensure

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

### FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Community-based Early Childhood Education (ECE) track in the Education & Human Development BA focuses on the passion and commitment CU Denver students have to work in diverse community-based early childhood education settings supporting children ages birth-5 and their families. The program is designed for students who currently work in these settings or intend to become employed before they graduate within a community based early childhood context. A core principle of this pathway is accessibility of the BA for working early childhood professionals and those professionals with several years of prior experience in birth-five classrooms. 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.

#### 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 field-based courses and internships 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.
4. Students must complete all requirements associated with their SEHD major.

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

**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 degree in Community-Based Early Childhood Education (EDHD – Early Childhood Community-Based BA) 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 – Community-Based Early Childhood BA requirements unless otherwise specified.
3. 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 prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com). **It is critical 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 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>           | <b>31</b>         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| 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 <i>or</i> LIT 2055 (to meet major requirement)                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| Behavioral Sciences                                     | 3                 | GT-SS                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
| Social Sciences                                         | 3                 | GT-HI*                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| Natural/Physical Science with lab                       | 4                 | GT-SC1                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math            | 3                 | GT-SC2 <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>                                                                                  |              |
| <b>EDHD – Early Childhood Ed Major Courses</b>          | <b>27</b>         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| ECED 2000 ECE as a Profession                           | 3                 | ECE 1011                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| EDHD 1930 Comm Based Field Exp. & Seminar               | 3                 | ECE 1045 <i>or</i> EDU 2211 and EDU 1088/2088 ( <i>minimum grade of B-required</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                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| ECED 3110 Development & Education of Infants & Toddlers | 3                 | ECE 1111                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| <b>Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:</b> | <b>61</b>         | <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

Upon successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining requirements 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.

*\*Some courses can be completed during the summer semesters.*

#### Year One at CU Denver

| Semester 1                                                        | CRS       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| CLDE 2000 †                                                       | 3         |
| ECED 4650                                                         | 3         |
| Elective                                                          | 3         |
| <i>Clinical Field Experience Block #2: Infants &amp; Toddlers</i> |           |
| ECED 2935 §                                                       | 3         |
| Elective                                                          | 3         |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                                         | <b>15</b> |

| Semester 2                                                | CRS       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| LCRT 2000 or LCRT 3815                                    | 3         |
| Elective                                                  | 3         |
| Elective                                                  | 3         |
| <i>Clinical Field Experience Block #3: Learning &amp;</i> |           |
| EDHD 2930 §                                               | 3         |
| ECED 4200 §                                               | 3         |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                                 | <b>15</b> |

#### Year Two at CU Denver

| Semester 1                          | CRS       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| ECED 4010 or ECED 4340 or ECED 4800 | 3         |
| ECED 4933 †                         | 4         |
| Elective                            | 3         |
| Elective                            | 3         |
| Elective                            | 3         |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           | <b>16</b> |

| Semester 2                        | CRS       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| ECED 4300 or SPED 4030 †          | 3         |
| ECED 4933 †                       | 4         |
| CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity | 3         |
| Elective                          | 3         |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>         | <b>13</b> |

† Requires a minimum grade of B- or higher

§ Clinical Field Experience Block:

- If you are not currently employed, you can enroll in coursework and be placed in volunteer field experience for ECED 2930. Students must be employed in an ECE birth-5 context by the time they enroll in EDHD 2930 (typically in the junior year) and during their final senior year of internships.
- All courses in a clinical field experience block must be taken together, in the same semester
- Field experiences paperwork deadlines:
  - Fall field experience = 4/1 Priority deadline: 4/15 Final deadline
  - Spring field experience = 11/1 Priority deadline: 11/15 Final deadline