

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Teacher Prep - Associate of Arts (AA)



Is Early Childhood Education Right For You?

Why an Early Childhood Education Degree?

- Are you intrigued by the unique nature of children and want to understand their development and needs?
- Do you want to impact children at a critical point in their social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development?
- Are you effective working as part of a team?
- Can you communicate effectively, both spoken and written, with children and families and community members?
- Do you possess good critical thinking skills and exercise sound decision-making?

Graduates of this program are prepared to enter an early childhood career in private or public organizations serving children and their families in positions like a child care center teacher or director, an assistant in a Head Start classroom, a licensed family child care provider, and a paraprofessional in an elementary school.

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Career Opportunities

The ultimate goal of a two-year Associate of Arts (AA) degree with a designation in Early Childhood Teacher Preparation is for students to transfer to a four-year college or university to earn their Bachelor's degree and teacher licensure.

After earning your degree at Pikes Peak State College and moving on to a Bachelor's degree you will be prepared for jobs in education, to include:

- **Elementary School Teacher**
- **Head Start Teacher**
- **Curriculum Specialist**
- **Preschool Special Ed. Teacher**
- **Child Care Center Director**

The education profession demands well-prepared teachers.

A growing body of research supports the value of high-quality education programs for children's success in school and in life, of which the most important determinant in the classroom is the teacher.

***Students completing a teacher preparation program are required to complete and pass a criminal background check.**

Transfer Options

After earning your AA Teacher Preparation degree from Pikes Peak State College, you may complete your Bachelor's degree by completing two more years at one of several four-year universities. Elementary and Early Childhood options vary by institution.

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| University of Colorado—Colorado Springs | CSU Pueblo |
| Metro State University—Denver | Fort Lewis—Pueblo |
| University of Colorado—Denver & Boulder | University of Northern Colorado |
| Colorado Mesa University | Western State Colorado University |
| Adams State University | Regis University |
| CSU—Fort Collins | Colorado Christian University |

Associate of Arts (AA) Early Childhood Teacher Preparation (Pre - Grade 3)

| Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
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| ENG 1021 English Composition I (3) | ENG 1022 English Composition II (3) |
| ECE 1011 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3) | MAT 1240 Mathematics for the Liberal Arts (4) |
| ECE 1031 Guidance Strategies for Young Children (3) | ECE 2381 ECE Child Growth & Development (3) |
| PSY 1001 General Psychology I (3) | ART 1110/MUS 1020/THE 1005 |
| GEO 1005 World Regional Geography (3) | ECE 1045 Introduction to EC Lab Techniques (3) |
| Total 15 Credit Hours | Total 16 Credit Hours |
| Semester 3 | Semester 4 |
| SCI 1055 Integrated Science I (4) | SCI 1056 Integrated Science II (4) |
| HIS 1210 - U.S. History I or HIS 1220 - U.S. History II (3) | LIT 1015 Intro to Lit. or LIT 2055 Children's Literature (3) |
| ECE 2621 Curriculum Development (3) | Elective Course - Dependent on Transfer Institution See an ECE Advisor (3) |
| ECE 2101 Working with Parents, Families & Communities (3) | Elective Course - Dependent on Transfer Institution See an ECE Advisor (3) |
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| Total 16 Credit Hours | Total 13 Credit Hours |

Talk to a program advisor today:

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