

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Associate of Applied Science



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.

Degree & Certificates

- Basic Skills
- Early Childhood Teacher (ECT)
- (ECAT) Early Childhood Assistant Teacher
- Director
- Infant Toddler

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Program Overview

A two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree with an Early Childhood Education designation is a career and technical focused degree designed for those seeking entry-level early childhood positions or for those already working in the profession.

Start by earning one of our Certificates: An Early Childhood Certificate from PPSC will:

- Upgrade the skills and knowledge you currently use in the field.
- Teach you the fundamentals of the early childhood profession.
- Meet the educational requirements for specific job duties.
- Serve as continuing professional development in this ever-changing field.
- Meet recertification requirements of the workforce.

By continuing on to AAS degree in Early Childhood Education, you could:

- Upgrade necessary skills for hiring, advancement and promotion.
- Decide to pursue a Bachelor of Applied Science in the social sciences

Program Specifics

- Mandatory background checks are required to enroll in any ECE courses. There is a student cost for the background check.
- ECE course work includes both lecture-based classes and field-based practicum experiences in classroom with young children.
- Strong reading and writing skills, observation, decision-making, multi-tasking, and moral judgment are necessary for early childhood professionals.

Transfer Options

After earning your AAS degree in ECE from Pikes Peak State College, you may complete your Bachelors of Applied Science degree by completing two more years at select colleges and universities that offer B.A.S. degrees.

Top Transfer Institutions for this program:

- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- Colorado State University Global Campus
- Colorado Christian University

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) - Early Childhood Education

Semester 1	Semester 2
ECE 1011 Intro to Early Childhood (3)	ECE 1045 Intro to ECE Lab Techniques (3)
ECE 1031 Guidance Strategies for Children (3)	ECE 2061 Observation & Assessment of Young Children's Development, Learning & Programs (1)
ECE 2051 Nutrition, Health & Safety (3)	ECE 2381 Child Growth & Development (3)
MAT 1160 Financial Mathematics (3)	ECE 1111 Infant and Toddler Theory & Practice (3)
CSC 1005 Computer Literacy (3) or CIS 1018 Introduction to PC Applications	ECE 2601 The Exceptional Child (3)
	ECE 2101 Working w/Families & Communities (3)
Total 15 Credit Hours	Total 16 Credit Hours
Semester 3	Semester 4
ECE 2621 Curriculum Development: Methods & Techniques (3)	ECE 2089 Capstone (5)
COM 1150 Public Speaking (3) or COM 1250 Interpersonal Communication (3)	ECE 2641 Creativity and the Young Child (3)
ECE 2401 Administration of Early Childhood Care & Education Programs (3)	ECE 2411 Administration: Human Relations for Early Childhood Education (3)
Early Childhood Education (From Approved AAS Electives) ECE 1125; ECE 1925; ECE 2615 (3)	PSY or SOC (From Approved AAS Electives) PSY 1001; PSY 2332; SOC 1001; SOC 2005 (3)
Total 12 Credit Hours	Total 14 Credit Hours

Talk to a program advisor today:

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