

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The certificates apply towards group leader and director certificates or an AAS degree. Many of the classes offered in these five certificates can be applied toward the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care licensure for either a group leader and/or director of a large child care center. Hands on lab hours are required in each certificate.

Director Certificate

A Director Certificate issued by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Department of Child Care, qualifies the recipient to be the Director of a Large Child Care facility. A candidate for this type of certification by the State must have an AAS degree or at least 24 college credits and work experience as a group leader with children under 12 years of age. **

	Fall	Spring
ECE 101 Introduction to the Early Childhood Education	3	
ECE 102 Intro. to Early Childhood Lab Techniques	3	
ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children	3	
ECE 241 Administration: Human Relations for ECE	3	
ECE 111 Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice		3
ECE 112 Intro to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques		3
ECE 205 Nutrition, Health and Safety		3
ECE 220 Curriculum Development: Methods/Techniques		3
ECE 240 Admin. of Early Childhood Care and Education		3
PSY 238 Child Development	3	or 3

Group Leader Certificate

A Group Leader is responsible for a single group of children, working under the supervision of a director. This group leader status enables the holder to be left alone with a group of children within the guidelines of adult child ratio. **

	Fall	Spring
ECE 101 Introduction to the Early Childhood Education	3	
ECE 102 Intro to Early Childhood Lab Techniques	3	
ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children	3	
ECE 225 Language and Cognition for the Young Child	3	
ECE 226 Creativity and the Young Child	3	
ECE 111 Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice		3
ECE 112 Intro to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques		3
ECE 205 Nutrition, Health and Safety		3
ECE 220 Curriculum Development: Methods/Techniques		3

The following certificates are an accumulation of course work and hours towards the Associate of Applied Science, director or group leader certificates.

Infant/Toddler Certificate

	Fall	Spring
ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children	3	
ECE 111 Infant and Toddler Theory and Practice		3
ECE 112 Intro to Infant/Toddler Lab Techniques		3
ECE 205 Nutrition, Health and Safety		3
ECE 220 Curriculum Development: Methods/Techniques		3

Pre-School Certificate

	Fall	Spring
ECE 101 Introduction to the Early Childhood Education	3	
ECE 102 Intro to Early Childhood Lab Techniques	3	
ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children	3	
ECE 226 Creativity and the Young Child	3	
ECE 125 Science/Math for the Young Child		3
ECE 205 Nutrition, Health and Safety		3

Before and After School Care Certificate

	Fall	Spring
ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children	3	
ECE 225 Language and Cognition for the Young Child	3	
ECE 125 Science/Math for the Young Child		3
ECE 205 Nutrition, Health and Safety		3
ECE 220 Curriculum Development: Methods/Techniques		3
PSY 238 Child Development		3

** See Colorado Rules Regulating Child Care Centers for options to be director qualified and group leader qualified. For additional information call (303) 866-5958.