

1. The AAS degree provides career skills to enable students to enter the job market after graduation, retrain in a new career, or upgrade employment skills. Occupational courses are designed to meet these needs instead of transferring to four-year institutions; however, many four-year institutions accept some of these courses. Check with your college of transfer intent for more info.
2. Certificate programs offered in the occupational area are generally shorter in length. Students may wish to complete a Certificate first, and apply those same courses to the requirements for the AAS degree.
3. You must apply for graduation on the website or at Enrollment Services prior to your final semester.

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to meet the vocational needs of people seeking employment or who are already employed in the early childhood field. Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care licensing requirements can be met upon completion of selected courses. The program emphasis is on children ages 8 and under.

English – 6 credits

ENG 121 English Composition I	3 cr.
ENG 122 English Composition II	3 cr.

Mathematics or Science – 3 credits

Choose one course from the following:

MAT 155/156 Integrated Math I/II OR SCI 155/156 Integrated Science I/II	4 cr.
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Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 credits

Choose two courses from the following:

GEO 105 World Regional Geography	3 cr.
HIS 201 U.S. History I	3 cr.
POS 111 American Government	3 cr.

Humanities – 3 credits

ART 110 Art Appreciation OR MUS 120 Music Appreciation	3 cr.
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Additional General Education Requirements 3 credits

Choose one course from: MAT 156 Integrated Math II or SCI 156 Integrated Science II or LIT 115 Introduction to Literature or LIT 255 Children's Literature or POS 111 American Government	3 cr. 4 cr. 3 cr. 3 cr. 3 cr.
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Early Childhood Degree Requirements – 30 credits

ECE 101 Intro to Early Childhood Education	3 cr.
ECE 102 Intro to ECE Lab Techniques	3 cr.
ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Children	3 cr.
ECE 205 Nutrition, Health & Safety	3 cr.
ECE 220 Curriculum Development; Methods & Techniques	3 cr.
PSY 238 Child Development	3 cr.
ECE 240 Administration of Early Childhood Care & Education Programs	3 cr.
ECE 241 Administration: Human Relations for the Early Childhood Professions	3 cr.
ECE 260 The Exceptional Child	3 cr.
ECE 288 Practicum: Early Childhood Education	3 cr.

ECE Electives – Choose nine hours from ECE/EDU courses not required*:

* Each course may apply only once toward degree requirements

AAS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, TOTAL 60 cr.