



MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The mission of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Front Range Community College is to provide a strong, student-focused, research and standards based education program that ultimately has a positive impact on children, families, and the community.

Early childhood professionals make a difference in the lives of young learners and their families. At FRCC, we offer coursework, certificates, and degrees that advance professional skills and knowledge in early childhood education.

Can I get a job?

Over the next nine years, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment forecasts:

- 446 job openings per year for preschool teachers, not including special education.
- 51 job openings per year for preschool and child care center directors.
- 772 job openings per year for child care workers.

GET STARTED

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Early Childhood Education

Degrees

- Associate of Arts for Transfer – A 60-credit transfer degree for students who want to teach preschool through third grade. Transfer as part of the statewide Early Childhood Teacher Education Articulation Agreement. This degree is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Offered on campus and online.
- Associate of Applied Science – A 60-credit, non-transferrable degree for students who want to work with children from birth through age eight. You will earn two certificates with this degree – Foundations in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Director.

Certificates

- Early Childhood Director – 31 credits. This certificate prepares students for leadership and administration of early childhood programs.
- Foundations of Early Childhood Education – 16 credits. This certificate provides entry-level skills in early childhood care and education.
- Infant-Toddler Nursery Supervisor – 13 credits. This certificate prepares students for teaching children birth to age three and supervision of other infant/toddler staff.
- Early Childhood Education for Paraeducators – 21 credits. This certificate prepares students to support early childhood teachers in inclusive classrooms.

Early Childhood courses are provided in a variety of delivery formats: on campus, online, and hybrid.

Early Childhood programs are designed to meet or exceed the education requirements outlined by the Colorado Department of Human Services for early childhood professionals. Speak with an ECE advisor today for more information.

Length of Program

1 to 4 semesters, depending on degree or certificate path.

Semester of Entry

Fall, Spring, Summer

Gainful Employment Disclosure Information

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Salary	Entry	Average	Experienced
Preschool, Child Care Center Director	\$30,247	\$46,463	\$54,571
Child Care Worker	\$18,079	\$24,400	\$27,561
Teacher Assistant	\$20,896	\$27,274	\$30,463
Preschool Teacher*	\$21,677	\$31,641	\$36,623
Kindergarten Teacher*	\$31,023	\$45,547	\$52,808
Elementary School Teacher*	\$36,049	\$50,180	\$57,246

*Except special education

(Job and salary information: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment 2014)