

COMMUNITY-BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Non-Licensure

Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development (B.A.)

Catalog Year 2025– 2026

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Community-based Early Childhood Education (ECE) track in the Education & Human Development BA focuses on the passion and commitment CU Denver students have to work in diverse community-based early childhood education settings supporting children ages birth-5 and their families. The program is designed for students who currently work in these settings or intend to become employed before they graduate within a community based early childhood context. A core principle of this pathway is accessibility of the BA for working early childhood professionals and those professionals with several years of prior experience in birth-five classrooms. This 120 credit hour track is ideal for students who currently and/or intend to work in community-based early childhood environments that serve children from infancy-age five years or as paraprofessionals. Courses include field-based experiences that can take place in settings where students currently work. Students fulfill the Colorado Department of Human Services Director Qualification requirements.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) requires all students to meet with their Academic Advisor several times a year to develop and learn more about their own individualized plan of study.

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GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

To receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Denver, students must satisfy all of the requirements below, in addition to completing a Major and fulfilling all of their School or College requirements.

- 1. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to graduate from CU Denver with a bachelor's level degree.
- 2. A minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA is required for all University of Colorado coursework.
- 3. Satisfactory completion of the CU Denver Core Curriculum.

In addition to the general university graduation requirements listed above, all SEHD students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

- 1. Students must earn a final grade of at least a C (2.0) in major courses and a B- (2.7) or above in designated major courses and field-based courses and internships within the major. These courses/requirements must be repeated if the student fails to earn the grade required.
- 2. Students must complete required classroom-based field experiences.
- 3. Students must complete all program assessments and professional milestones as outlined in the Student Handbook.
- 4. Students must complete all requirements associated with their SEHD major.

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with the academic advisor in the School of Education & Human Development to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Education and Human Development BA degree in Community-Based Early Childhood Education (EDHD – Early Childhood Community-Based BA) are required to complete the minimum program requirements below.

- 1. Students must complete a total of 120 semester hours for the EDHD Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure Track
- 2. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all courses applying to EDHD Community-Based Early Childhood BA requirements unless otherwise specified.
- 3. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.



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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a "bucket" of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements. All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation (DWD) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete Reverse Transfer at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	31		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3	GT-MA1 or MAT 1220 or MAT 1230	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH	
Behavioral Sciences	3	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3	GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (except the course used for Core Math) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (see note below)	
Cultural Diversity	3	To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.	
EDHD – Early Childhood Ed Major Courses	24		
ECED 2000 ECE as a Profession	3	ECE 1011	
EDHD 1930 Comm Based Field Exp. & Seminar	3	ECE 1045 or EDU 2211 and EDU 1088/2088 (minimum grade of B-required)	
ECED 4202 Child Guidance and Classrm Comm	3	ECE 1031	
ECED 4102 Develop Appropriate Curric Methods	3	ECE 2621	
HDFR 2110 Child Ecology	3	ECE 2381 or PSYC 2240 or PSYC 2381	
ECED 4060 Working w/ Fams, Profs, and Comms	3	ECE 2101	
ECED 4030 Nutrition, Health, and Safety	3	ECE 2051	
ECED 4040 Administration of ECE Programs	3	ECE 2401	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	Students completing fewer than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver SEHD Academic Advisor.	

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*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.



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SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits <u>and</u> the complete "bucket" of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One	Semester 1	CRS
	CLDE 2000 †	3
	ECED 4650	3
	Elective	3
	Clinical Field Experience Block #2: Infants & Toddlers	
	ECED 2930 §	3
	ECED 4070 §	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Semester 2	CRS
LCRT 2000 or LCRT 3815	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Clinical Field Experience Block #3: Learning & Development	
EDHD 2930 §	3
ECED 4200 §	3
Total Credit Hours	15

: Year	Semester 1	CRS
	ECED 4010 or ECED 4340 or ECED 4800	3
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Semester 2	
ECED 4300 or SPED 4030 †	3
ECED 4933 †	4
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
Elective	3
Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	15

⁺ Requires a minimum grade of B- or higher

§ Clinical Field Experience Block:

- If you are not currently employed, you can enroll in coursework and be placed in volunteer field experience for ECED 2930. Students must be employed in an ECE birth-5 context by the time they enroll for EDHD 2930 (typically junior year) and for their final senior year of internships.
- All courses in a clinical field experience block must be taken together, in the same semester
- Field experiences paperwork deadlines:
 - o Fall field experience = 4/1 Priority deadline: 4/15 Final deadline
 - o Spring field experience= 11/1 Priority deadline: 11/15 Final deadline