

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LICENSE, BA - RURAL PARTNERSHIP WITH LAMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Introduction

The Education and Human Development (EDHD) major focuses on engaging Colorado’s rapidly diversifying student and family population. It combines cutting-edge research with real classroom experiences. You’ll learn from innovative faculty members who are locally, nationally, and internationally recognized for their research in early childhood education. They will provide you with a robust knowledge base and relevant learning experiences focused on children’s’ thinking, culturally responsive education, and supporting English language learners. Further, you will learn how to use a range of technology tools you can use in your work with students. You’ll engage in powerful classroom experiences and benefit from our rich 20-year history of partnerships with local school districts.

As an Early Childhood Education teaching candidate, we will prepare you to become a highly effective, innovative, and compassionate early childhood teacher skilled in improving student performance and meeting the needs of today’s diverse learners in a variety of settings. When you graduate, you will have the skills it takes to be a teacher leader. In fact, CU Denver graduates often go on to acquire positions in educational leadership as their careers progress.

When you enroll as a student in The Partnership for Rural Educator Preparation (T-PREP) at Lamar Community College (LCC), you will benefit from a highly supportive program with a strong rural focus. T-PREP at LCC students complete the first half of their program at LCC and earn an Associate of Arts degree. Previous credits earned from other institutions are accepted. Then, you transfer as a T-PREP CU Denver student and take the remaining classes you need to earn a bachelor’s degree and an Early Childhood Education teaching license. During your time as a CU Denver student, you will enroll in classes that are (a) taught face-to-face in classes taught by CU Denver instructors on the LCC campus in Lamar, Colorado; (b) in boundaryless classrooms using video conferencing technology with other T-PREP students throughout Colorado; or (c) online. Further, all your fieldwork experiences take place in the Lamar Community College service region, which eliminates the need to travel to Denver. Finally, all advising and a wide range of supports are provided during all four years of your program, whether you are enrolled as a student at LCC or CU Denver.

Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus program in Lamar, Colorado with a variety of delivery options for many of our courses including hybrid, evening, weekend, and online courses.

Declaring This Major

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-education-human-development/#policiestext>) to go to information about declaring a major.

General Requirements

To earn a degree, students must satisfy all requirements in each of the three areas below, in addition to their individual major requirements.

- CU Denver Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation/>)
- CU Denver Undergraduate Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation-undergraduate-core-requirements/>)
- School of Education & Human Development Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-education-human-development/#graduationrequirementstext>)
- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum total of 126 semester hours for the EDHD Early Childhood Education Track.
2. Students must pass the appropriate Praxis Exam prior to beginning their final semester of their Professional Year. It is recommended students complete the exam in the year prior to their Professional Year.
3. Application to the last year of the program, the Professional Year Residency is required. After successfully completing all other Core, major, and elective courses, all students must apply for admission into the Professional Year. Requirements for admission include a 3.0 GPA, positive letters of recommendation, successful evaluations of earlier clinical experiences, and a successful interview. (Students with a lower GPA may be considered under certain conditions. Please see SEHD website.)
4. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all courses applying to EDHD - Early Childhood Education requirements unless otherwise specified.
5. Students must complete and maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average in Professional Year coursework to complete licensure requirements. Please see an advisor for more information on this requirement.
6. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.

Students will receive transfer credit for all of the following major requirements:

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Major Requirements to Transfer | | |
| ECED 2000 | Early Childhood Education as a Profession | 3 |
| ECED 2930 | Infant & Toddler Field Experience & Seminar ¹ | 3 |
| ECED 4030 | Nutrition, Health, and Safety | 3 |
| ECED 4040 | Administrative Seminar | 3 |
| ECED 4070 | Development and Education of Infant and Toddlers | 3 |
| ECED 4102 | Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum Methods and Techniques | 3 |
| ECED 4202 | Child Guidance and Classroom Community | 3 |
| ECED 4300 | Exceptional Learners in the Early Childhood Classroom ¹ | 3 |
| EDFN 1000 | Equality, Rights & Education | 3 |

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| EDHD 1930 | Community Based Field Experience & Seminar ¹ | 3 |
| HDFR 2110 | Child Ecology | 3 |
| INTE 2000 | Digital Teaching and Learning | 3 |
| LCRT 4710 | Inclusive Early Literacy Development and Instruction | 3 |
| Major Courses Remaining | | |
| CLDE 2000 | CLDE Foundations ¹ | 3 |
| ECED 4060 | Working with Families, Professionals, and Communities | 3 |
| EDFN 4010 | Social Foundations and Cultural Diversity in Urban Education ¹ | 3 |
| EDHD 2930 | Learning & Development Field Experience & Seminar ¹ | 2 |
| LCRT 3720 | Introduction to Writing Development and Teaching | 3 |
| MTED 3040 | Mathematics for Elementary Teachers ¹ | 3 |
| Professional Year Courses | | |
| A minimum grade of B- is required in each professional yearcourse | | |
| ECED 4200 | Assessment for Early Childhood Classrooms | 3 |
| ECED 4650 | Dual Language Learners Learning and Development | 3 |
| LCRT 4000 | Elementary Literacy Instruction and Assessment Part 1 | 3 |
| MTED 4002 | Elementary Mathematics Teaching I | 3 |
| SCED 4004 | Elementary Science Teaching | 3 |
| UEDU 4040 | Planning for Learning | 3 |
| UEDU 4050 | Capstone: Planning, Instruction & Assessment | 3 |
| ECED 4931 | Internship I & Collaborative Learning Community | 2 |
| ECED 4932 | Internship II & Collaborative Learning Community | 2 |
| ECED 4933 | Internship III & Collaborative Learning Community | 6 |
| General Electives | | |
| Additional required courses from the community college pathway transfer in as electives to reach the required hours for the BA | | |
| Total Hours | | 87 |

¹ Courses require a grade of B- or better; all other courses require a grade of C or better. Students who do not have a B- or better in the specified courses must consult with their advisors about a plan to retake the course or complete additional work.

To review the Degree Map for this program, please visit our website (<https://www.ucdenver.edu/student/advising/undergraduate/degree-maps/sehd/>).