

# LICENSING PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

PRE K - 3

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT."  
- PROVERBS 22:6

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for public and private educational services is expected to grow by 10.7 percent and add 1.4 million new jobs through 2016, making it one of the fastest-growing employment sectors in the U.S. economy. CCU's education programs enable students to acquire knowledge, develop skills, and demonstrate competencies necessary to teach effectively in public and private schools, while emphasizing both mastery and leadership in the profession.

## THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU IF:

- You have a B.A. and want to obtain a license that lets you teach in a preschool through third-grade setting in Colorado.
- You want a teaching license and may want to obtain an M.A. in curriculum and instruction in the future.

## WHY YOU WANT TO CHOOSE CCU

**You have the opportunity to learn with a biblical worldview.** CCU offers a complete education designed to develop you intellectually, professionally, and spiritually.

**Your life before CCU can work to your benefit.** CCU's life experience policy lets you earn credits toward your degree through examination, prior military service, or a business internship program that earns credits in a real-life work environment.

**You can attend a program designed for the adult learner.** A combination of online instruction and Web-enhanced, in-seat courses gives you greater flexibility to complete assignments.

**You matter as a person at CCU.** You'll receive personal attention from faculty and staff who want to know you as an individual, and help you reach your goals.

**Your experience will be reinforced with an emphasis on personal and professional ethics.** You will explore philosophy, theories, and values as the basis for ethical decision making.

**Your degree is from an accredited institution.** CCU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

## WHY LEARNING IS DIFFERENT AT CCU

CCU's personal approach to teaching and learning means you'll receive the finest education available in a small-class-size environment. Our faculty members bring scholarship and experience alive in the classroom, applying a wealth of academic and professional experience, and affording you the advantages of real-life perspectives while you learn.



*The Licensing Program for Early Childhood Education has been recognized as a model licensure program in Colorado.*

## OFFERED AT:

- Colorado Springs Center
- Denver Tech Center
- Lakewood Center
- Northglenn Center
- Global Enrollment Center
- Grand Junction Center
- Loveland Center

Contact an enrollment counselor at 303.963.3311 or visit our Web site at [www.ccu.edu/ags](http://www.ccu.edu/ags)



## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ECE PROGRAMS

The Federal **Head Start for School Readiness Act** (PL 110-134), signed into law on December 12, 2007, requires that half of all teachers in the program nationwide have a bachelor's degree by 2013.

### Major Courses for the Licensing Program for Early Childhood Education (Pre K - 3)

Please visit [www.ccu.edu/catalog](http://www.ccu.edu/catalog) for additional general education or elective course requirements for this degree.

#### **ECE 201A Teaching as a Profession (3)**

Philosophies of education, and the function of public and private schools in defining roles, relationships, and responsibilities of professional educators. Introduces the CCU/Colorado Teacher Licensure requirements.

#### **ECE 214A Field I Standards-Based Planning (2)**

Elementary school-based experience with a focus on lesson-plan development, the context of learning through classroom observation, and demonstrating introductory pedagogical knowledge and skills. Minimum of 60 contact hours in an elementary education setting.

#### **ECE 314A Curriculum: Mathematics and Science (3)**

Concepts, methods, techniques, and materials necessary to effectively teach math and science to elementary-age students with an emphasis on Colorado Content Standards.

#### **ECE 324A Curriculum: Reading, Language Arts, and Literacy (3)**

Concepts, methods, techniques, and materials necessary to effectively teach reading and language arts to elementary-age students with an emphasis on Colorado Content Standards.

#### **ECE 334A Curriculum: Social Studies and Creative Arts (3)**

Concepts, methods, techniques, and materials necessary to teach creative arts and social studies to elementary-age students with an emphasis on Colorado Content Standards.

#### **ECE 401A Classroom and Instructional Management (3)**

Methods of facilitating positive student achievement and behavior in the elementary school.

#### **ECE 403A Special Needs Methods (3)**

Integration of exceptional children into regular educational environments, understanding students with various needs, and appropriate responses.

#### **ECE 414A Field II Research-Based Instruction (2)**

Minimum of 70 contact hours in an elementary public school classroom.

#### **RDG 447A Diverse Reader: Intervention for Developing Readers (3)**

Scientifically based methods of teaching reading as they apply to elementary and secondary at-risk/remedial students and a multicultural population.

#### **ECE 470A Student Teaching I (6) and ECE 471A Student Teaching II (6)**

A minimum 8-week (320 contact hours) teaching experience in the licensure-area classroom, including evaluation by the supervising teacher, content faculty and education faculty, and documentation of proficiency in each of the 45 Colorado Teacher Performance Standards/Standard Elements.

#### **ECE 497A Student Teaching Seminar I (1) and ECE 498A Student Teaching Seminar II (1)**

Review of teacher-performance standards and the Action-Research Project, as well as interview and job application skill development.

### DEGREE QUICK FACTS:

- **94 Credit Hours**
  - 37 General Education
  - 57 Major
- Program includes 16 weeks of student teaching
- Admission requirements:
  - Passing score on PLACE or PRAXIS test
  - Background check
  - 3.0 GPA
  - Interview
- Performance-based program
- Core courses include 5 hours of field experience in an elementary school classroom, so application of learned principles is immediate
- Transfer credits from other accredited programs liberally accepted



**EDU 505 Psychological Foundations of Education (3)**

Relationship between psychological theory and practice in education, including the learner's development from birth through adulthood, and its application to curriculum development and instruction.

**EDU 548 Needs Assessment and Evaluation (3)**

Interactive forum provides for discussion of assessment and evaluation as it pertains to curriculum and instruction, including terminology and approaches, alternative practices, and practicum design.

**INT 581 Cultural Diversity (3)**

A study of the current and historical multicultural, multiethnic diversity issues in the American society and the school system and their implications for the educational setting.

Courses numbered 500 and above can be used toward the master's degree in curriculum and instruction.

## SAMPLE DEGREE PROGRAM

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94 Credit Hours Required for Graduation

**PREREQUISITES**

- ECE 205 Health, Safety, and Nutrition for ECE (3)
- ECE 240 Administration of ECE Programs (3)
- ECE 241 Human Resources for ECE (3)

**GENERAL EDUCATION AND  
LIBERAL ARTS REQUIREMENTS**

37 Hours

- ENG 102A English Composition (3)
- ENG 104A Research Writing (3)
- COM 110A Oral Communication (3)
- MAT 110A Math Concepts (3)
- HUM 429A C.S. Lewis in Film and Literature (3) **or**  
- HUM 216A Classic Christmas Films and Literature (3)
- ART 112A Art Appreciation (3) **or**  
- HUM 101A Creative Arts (3)
- HIS 201A World Civilization I (3)
- HIS 204A America since 1877 (3)
- Any Bible course (3)
- HUM 425A Personal and Social Ethics (3)
- PHL 205A Worldviews (3)
- Science w/ a Lab (4)

**MAJOR**

57 Hours

- ECE 201A Teaching as a Profession (3)
- ECE 214A Field I: Standards-based Planning (2)
- ECE 314A Curriculum: Mathematics and Science (3)
- ECE 324A Curriculum: Reading, Language Arts, and Literacy (3)
- ECE 334A Curriculum: Social Studies and Creative Arts (3)
- ECE 401A Classroom and Instructional Management (3)
- ECE 403A Special Needs Methods (3)
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- ECE 498A Student Teaching Seminar II (1)
- EDU 505 Psychological Foundations of Education (3)
- EDU 548 Needs Assessment and Evaluation (3)
- INT 581 Cultural Diversity (3)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN CCU!**

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**WESTERN COLORADO REGION**

**GRAND JUNCTION CENTER**

2452 Patterson Rd., Suite 200  
Grand Junction, CO 81505  
Phone: 970.242.1811, Fax: 970.242.7092

**GLOBAL ONLINE**

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