


**Secondary to Postsecondary Pathway for  
Early Childhood Development: Early Childhood Educator**

Suggested High School Courses			
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English I, Algebra I, Earth or Environmental Science, State History/Civics	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Physical Education Computer Applications
	<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Child and Adolescent Development and/or Nutrition and Wellness	
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English II, Geometry, Biology, US History, Foreign Language I	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Physical Education Speech First Aid
	<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Life Management and/or Relationships	
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English III, Algebra II/ or other, Chemistry	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Psychology Entrepreneurship Accounting
	<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	ECE 101 -- Introduction to Early Childhood Education	
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English IV, Trigonometry or other Math, Botany or other lab based science	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Art Music Sociology
	<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	ECE 102 -- Introduction to Early Childhood Education Lab, Teacher Cadet	

**Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Contacts**

**Postsecondary Credit Options:**

**Red Rocks Community College Department of High School Relations:** For more information on postsecondary course options for high school students and for admission to RRCC, please contact, Ernie Navarette at 303-914-6320 or [ernie.navarette@rrcc.edu](mailto:ernie.navarette@rrcc.edu).

	<b>Pathway:</b>	<b>Plan of Study:</b>
<p><b>Career Goal (O*Net Code):</b> (Click the code to access education, skills, and employment outlook information)</p> <p>Preschool Teacher <a href="#">25-2011</a></p> <p>Special Ed Teachers, Preschool <a href="#">25-2041</a></p> <p>Child Care Worker <a href="#">39-9011</a></p> <p>Nannie <a href="#">39-9011.01</a></p> <p>Preschool &amp; Child Care Program Administrator <a href="#">11-9031</a></p> <p>Teacher Assistant <a href="#">25-9041</a></p> <p>* - High Demand Career</p>		<p><b>Relevant Occupational Experience (Your Life Experiences may be worth College Credit!):</b></p> <p><a href="#">CCCS Credit for Prior Learning Guide</a></p> <p>Contact Kathleen DeVries (<a href="mailto:kathleen.devries@rrcc.edu">kathleen.devries@rrcc.edu</a>) for inquiries concerning earning college credit for life experience in Early Childhood Education.</p> <p><a href="#">Colorado Labor Market Information</a></p>

Possible Pathways to your Career!					
	Programs Available	Program Length (*Based on meeting Program Entrance Requirements)	Estimated Tuition	Career Options	Salary Range
Certificate Option(s)	Early Childhood Entry	6 cr.	\$802	Child Care Worker, Preschool Teacher, Educational Aide, Nanny, Director or Assistant Director of a Child Care Center	\$ - \$\$\$
	Preschool Early	18 cr.	\$2341		
	Childhood Teacher	16 cr.	\$2085		
	Director, Early	33 cr.	\$4266		

	Childhood Ed				
<b>Associate Degree(s)</b>	Early Childhood Education AAS Early Childhood Education AA (transfer)	60 credits 62 credits	\$7,700 \$7900	Preschool Teacher, After-School Program Supervisor, Director or Assistant Director of a Child Care Center, Elementary Teaching Assistant, Mentor or Trainer for Early Care and Education Sites, Licensing Specialist, Parent Educator, Home Visitor	\$ - \$\$\$
Articulation Opportunities to Advanced Degrees:					
<b>Advanced Degree(s)</b>	Bachelor's Degree: Early Childhood, Special Education (pending), Human Development & Family Studies Elementary Education with licensure for grades K-3 Early Childhood Education (ages 0-8) Interdisciplinary Studies	120+ credits or 8 or more semesters	<a href="http://collegeincolorado.org">collegeincolorado.org</a> Regis University Colorado State University Metro State University of Denver	Preschool & Child Care Program Administrator, Child Care Supervisor, Elementary Teacher K-3, Preschool/Kindergarten Teacher, Special Education Teacher (K-12), Intervention Specialist, Child Life Specialist, Child Care Resource and Referral Specialist, Consultant/Trainer, Quality Improvement Specialist	\$ - \$\$\$\$
	Graduate Degree: Early Childhood Education, MA, Special Education, MA & PhD Human Development & Family Studies, MA and PhD	Bachelor's Degree + 30 or more graduate level credits	<a href="http://collegeincolorado.org">collegeincolorado.org</a> UCD, UNC, CSU	Special Education Teacher (birth through five), Preschool, Child Care Director/Owner, Education Administrator, Special Education Specialist (OT, PT, speech pathology), University Instructor or Professor, Early Childhood Researcher, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant	\$ - \$\$\$\$

<b>Extended Learning Experiences</b>	
<b>Support Structures:</b> <i>Childcare facilities, Counseling Services, Tutoring Services, Academic Advising and Career Counseling</i>	
<b>Financial Aid:</b> <i>Federal Student Loans, Pell Grant, RRCC Foundation Grant</i>	
<b>Professional Affiliations</b>	

**Practical Learning Experiences:**

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