Early Childhood Professions Concentration
Courses available through CSU Online

The courses in this concentration prepare students for careers in early childhood education as well as professional work with children across a variety of settings, including working with children with special needs. This concentration is an ideal choice for those who plan to apply to the competitive on-campus Early Childhood Education Major, or are interested in early childhood education careers that do not require teacher licensure, or for students who will pursue a graduate degree and licensure in childhood education. Students interested in working with children with special needs, those seeking director qualifications in early childhood education, and those seeking other relevant credentials would also benefit from choosing this concentration.

Students must earn a “C” or higher in concentration courses.
Courses may NOT double count for courses fulfilling AUCC, other HDFS requirements, or a second concentration.

Students must complete a minimum of 15 credits from the course options below for Early Childhood Professions Concentration; with at least 9 credits of HDFS prefix courses and 12 credits of upper division.

**HDFS courses (at least 9 credits must be HDFS prefix courses)**
- HDFS 217 (3) Creative Experiences for Children (typically offered fall and summer)
- HDFS 286 (3) Practicum in an approved early childhood education setting (typically offered every term)
- HDFS 317 (3) Special Needs in Early Childhood (typically offered fall and summer)
- HDFS 318 (3) Infancy and Toddlerhood (typically offered fall and summer)
- HDFS 320 (3) Cognitive and Language Development (typically offered fall and summer)
- HDFS 351 (3) Special Needs in Early Childhood (typically offered fall and summer)
- HDFS 351 (3) Promoting Early Socioemotional Competence (typically offered fall and summer)
- HDFS 401 (3) Childhood Socialization (typically offered fall and spring)
- HDFS 439 (3) Administration of Early Childhood Programs (typically offered spring and summer)
- HDFS/FSHN 445 (3) Health, Safety & Nutrition in Early Childhood (typically offered every term)

**Additional concentration courses (6 or less credits may be from the list below)**
- EDUC 275 (3) Schooling in the United States (typically offered spring and fall)
- IE 471 (3) Children and Youth in Global Context (typically offered spring only)
- PSY 460 (3) Childhood Exceptionality and Psychopathology (typically offered every term)

Additional credential students are encouraged to explore:

More courses may be needed to acquire the credential.
Students should research the requirements before applying for the credential.

**Director Qualifications** (early childhood education credential in the state of Colorado)

Courses from this concentration’s list that can also be applied to this credential:
1. EDUC 275 (3) Schooling in the United States
2. HDFS 217 (3) Creative Experiences with Children
3. HDFS 286 (3) Practicum in an approved early childhood education setting
4. HDFS 318 (3) Infancy and Toddlerhood
5. HDFS/FSHN 445 (3) Health, Safety & Nutrition in Early Childhood
6. HDFS 439 (3) Administration of Early Childhood Programs
7. Choose: HDFS 317 (3) Special Needs in Early Childhood OR HDFS 375 (3) Programming for Children and Families OR PSY 460 (3) Childhood Exceptionality and Psychopathology
8. Choose: HDFS 351 (3) Promoting Early Socioemotional Competence OR HDFS 401 (3) Childhood Socialization

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