

# STATE OF COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION



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## **EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EDUCATION TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

### **Between COLORADO PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES:**

Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System  
Arapahoe Community College  
Colorado Northwestern Community College  
Community College of Aurora  
Community College of Denver  
Front Range Community College  
Lamar Community College  
Morgan Community College  
Northeastern Junior College  
Otero Junior College  
Pikes Peak Community College  
Pueblo Community College  
Red Rocks Community College  
Trinidad State Junior College  
Aims Community College  
Colorado Mountain College

### **and the following**

### **COLORADO PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Adams State University (B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies with Elem. Ed. Licensure)  
Colorado Mesa University (A.A. Early Childhood Education) \*CMU offers ECE only as a participating 2-year institution.  
Colorado State University (B.S. Human Development & Family Studies)  
Fort Lewis College (B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies)  
Metropolitan State University of Denver (B.A. Human Development)  
University of Northern Colorado (B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies)

In accordance with C.R.S. 23-1-108.5 (1) and C.R.S. 108 (7)(a) the participating institutions agree to the following policies governing the transfer of credit earned at a Colorado community college into a degree program for students seeking Early Childhood Education licensure offered at the Colorado public four-year colleges and universities listed above.

**Section I: Graduate Requirements for Students Seeking Early Childhood Education Licensure**

- A. Institutional graduation requirements, including minimum number of hours and minimum grade average.

A transfer student who is seeking Early Childhood Education licensure will meet the same admission and graduation requirements as a native student, including enrollment in an approved teacher preparation program, and enrollment in the required courses for licensure recommendation. A transfer student from a Colorado public community college who has earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree as defined in this agreement will need to complete no more than 66 credits to earn the baccalaureate degree at the four-year institution (60 plus 66 transfer agreement).

- B. Universal transfer courses for the Early Childhood Education program.

A community college student who is planning to become an early childhood educator will sign a graduation plan at the community college that identifies the first 54 credit hours that are guaranteed to transfer to particular early childhood education programs (see page one) that are offered by Colorado public institutions of higher education. The courses are listed in Table 1 of this agreement.

To complete the AA graduation requirements, students, who have completed or are currently enrolled in courses that will total the first 54 credits, will apply to a specific early childhood education program and be advised on the final 6 credits guaranteed to transfer.

All courses described herein are guaranteed to transfer into particular early childhood education programs (described on page one) upon admission. Students need not complete the A.A. or A.S. degree to transfer any or all of these courses.

- C. Second Year, Second Semester of Graduation Agreement (Final 6 Credit Hours)

During the first semester of the student's sophomore year (or the equivalent term when the student will complete the 54 credits outlined in the early childhood education graduation agreement), the student will sign an agreement for the final 6 credit hours that will be co-signed by both the community college and the four-year college.

A signed agreement between a community college and a receiving four-year institution only ensures that the remaining 6 credits are guaranteed to transfer upon admission to the receiving early childhood education program.

This agreement entitles the student to:

- Advice from the four-year institution on the 6 credit hours that will be guaranteed to apply to the graduation requirements leading to an elementary education license.
- A graduation plan that meets the community colleges' Associate of Arts requirements and transfer of any credits earned at the four-year institution as meeting the A.A. graduation requirements.
- Ability to enroll in selected courses offered at the four-year institution, including on-line or on-campus classes, if not available at the community college.

D. A transfer student must apply and be successfully admitted to a school of education or the appropriate education program at the receiving four-year institution in order to complete the licensure program in early childhood education.

**TABLE 1: Guaranteed General Education and Major Courses for Early Childhood Education Students.**

	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Community College Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Condition</b>	
<b>General Education (gtPathways) Requirements</b>				<b>35 credits</b>	
English	6	ENG 121 ENG 122	College Composition Composition II	Two courses	
Math	6	MAT 120 or MAT 121 and MAT 135 or MAT 155 and MAT 156	Math for Lib Arts or College Algebra Introduction to Statistics Integrated  Math I and II	Two courses	
Humanities	6	MUS 120 ART 110 LIT 115 LIT 255	Music Appreciation Art Appreciation Introduction to literature Children's Literature	Two courses	
Science	8	SCI 155 and SCI 156	SCI 155 and SCI 156	Two courses	
Social Sciences	9	GEO 105 HIST 201 POS 111	World Regional Geography U.S. History I American Government	Three courses	
<b>Additional Required Courses</b>				<b>19 credits</b>	
	3	ECE 101	Intro to Early Childhood Ed		
	3	ECE 102	Intro to Early Childhood Lab		
	3	ECE 205	Nutrition, Health & Safety		
	3	ECE 238	Child Growth & Development		
	3	ECE 241	Human Relations for Child Dev		
	1	ECE 188 or ECE 209 or ECE 236	Practicum or Observing Young Children or Child Growth/Developmental Lab		
	3	COM 115	Public Speaking		
<b>Electives</b>					<b>6 credits</b>
Six credits determined by transferring institution.					
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>60 Credit Hours</b>

**Section II: Transfer of Credit**

- A. Policies for accepting grades in transfer.
  - 1. Only academic courses with a letter grade of "C," or better will be accepted for transfer.
  - 2. Courses with grades of "F", "D", "IP", "I", "U", "AU", and "Z" are not transferable.
  - 3. Only courses with grade of "C" or better are transferable into a teacher education program unless otherwise indicated in this agreement.
  
- B. The four-year college or university will accept all credits in the student's early childhood education graduation agreement earned within ten years of

transfer. Courses earned more than ten years earlier will be evaluated on an individual basis.

- C. Credit for courses in transfer is guaranteed provided that the community college maintains its accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Section III: **Student Appeals Process**

An appeal related to denial of transfer credits will follow the Colorado Commission on Higher Education student appeal process.

This agreement will remain in force until a new Statewide Early Childhood Education Agreement is negotiated.