

SW Colorado Early Childhood Education Teacher Certificate Cohort

What

The Durango Adult Education Center (DAEC) in partnership with Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC), the Montelores Early Childhood Council, and the Early Childhood Council of La Plata County is accepting early childhood educators for our first-ever Early Childhood Teacher Certificate training cohort. Cohort members will complete six college courses and the experience needed to become Lead Teachers. DAEC will support students in all the steps necessary to complete this certificate including leveraging funds and providing scholarships. CNCC will provide the courses in their unique accelerated model.

Why

Early Childhood Educators are essential to our community. These professionals often lack a professional network, access to education, financial support for professional development, and comprehensive programs to increase qualifications. By developing a cohort, we hope to offer long-term support to a group of educators who will learn and grow together. After earning the Teacher Certificate, educators only need four more courses to earn a Director's Certificate and scholarship funding is available to continue with Directors Certificates and degrees.

Who

Those already working in early childhood education and those looking to enter the field may apply. This program is for Colorado residents who are 18 years old or above. Those who have completed some early childhood education courses may still be eligible.

Where

Courses are virtual with CNCC, students meet on a designated night through Zoom. Applicants must have secure internet access and a device to participate. Support for internet and devices may be available in specific cases.

When

The cohort will start fall 2022 and last three semesters, ending after the summer 2023 semester.

Session	Dates	Time	Course
Fall Session 1	Late August- Mid-October	Tuesdays 6-9 pm	Intro to Early Childhood Education (ECE 1011)
Fall Session 2	Mid-October- Mid-December	Tuesdays 6-9 pm	Guidance Strategies (ECE 1031)
Spring Session 1	Early January- Early March	Tuesdays 6-9 pm	Early Childhood Education Child Growth & Development (ECE 2381)
Spring Session 2	Early March- Early May	Mondays 6-9 pm	Childhood Education Lab Techniques (ECE 1045)
Spring Session 2	Early May- Early July	Thursdays 6-9 pm	The Exceptional Child (ECE 2601) Intro to Early
Summer Session	Early May- Early July	Mondays 6-9 pm	Early Childhood Education Curriculum Methods & Techniques (ECE 2621)

How to get more info or apply

Applications received by June 13th, 2022, will be given preference. To receive an application, ask questions or discuss this opportunity, please contact Danielle Beamer, Career Advisor, Durango Adult Education Center at dbeamer@durangoadulted.org, 970-385-4354 (office), 970-259-2094 (cell)

