



## Early Childhood Professions

The Early Childhood Education program prepares individuals for various levels of employment in child care centers, public school settings, headstart programs, or other areas where caring for young children is the primary function. This program focuses on cognitive, physical, emotional, and social growth and development. The program meets the educational component for qualification as an **Early Childhood Teacher - Entry Level**, **Infant/Toddler Early Childhood Teacher**, **Preschool Early Childhood Teacher**, or **Large Center Director** in Colorado. In order to satisfy the educational component for a Director's license in the state of Colorado, a student would complete the Large Center Director's certificate and required occupational experience.

Early childhood educators care for children from birth to age 8. Most child care workers combine basic care and teaching duties. Individuals who primarily teach are classified as teachers. Successful child care workers must be mature, patient, understanding, articulate, and have energy and physical stamina. They must be effective communicators, be able to anticipate and prevent problems, deal with disruptive children, be enthusiastic and alert, and provide discipline in a firm but fair manner. Teachers also must be knowledgeable in the subjects they teach and be able to employ different teaching methods to respond to individual and cultural differences in the students they teach.

Training in early childhood education can help prepare individuals for a variety of related career opportunities such as:

Occupation	Entry Level Wages	Projected Annual Growth
Child Care Worker	\$19,958.00	2.39%
Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program	\$34,813.00	2.4%
Kindergarten Teacher	\$33,930.00	1.40%
Preschool Teacher	\$20,396.00	2.30% ☀️
Teacher Assistant	\$21,623.00	1.60% ☀️

Southwestern Colorado Data from Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Occupational Employment Statistics Survey 2016. ☀️ Bright employment outlook nationally.

### Early Childhood Teacher-Entry Level

Course	Title	Credits
ECE101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE103	Guidance Strategies for Children	3

Total Certificate Credits 6

### Preschool Early Childhood Teacher

Course	Title	Credits
ECE101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE102	Intro to Early Childhood Lab Techniques	3
ECE103	Guidance Strategies for Children	3
ECE220	Curriculum Development: Methods and Techniques	3

Total Certificate Credits 12

Revised 10/3/17

See Your High School Counselor to Register!

This program is offered through concurrent enrollment. Students receive both high school and college credit for the courses.



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# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - CONCURRENT

## Schedule

Courses may be offered in traditional, hybrid, and online formats. All courses are one semester in length. Traditional courses are one evening a week from 6 to 9 p.m. The current course schedule may be found on our web site at [www.dmtc.edu](http://www.dmtc.edu).

This program follows a revised DMTC Postsecondary Calendar.

## Cost *(all costs reflect 2017-18 program pricing and may change for 2018-19)*

**Tuition and Fees** **\$318.50 per course**

### Student Cost

Books and Supplies	Most are available to borrow through the ECE Program.
TABE Test	40.00
Background Check	5.00

Book and supply costs do not include tax. All costs are subject to change without notice.

## Admissions Requirements *(must be completed prior to first day of class)*

- Postsecondary Application
- Concurrent Enrollment
- Counselor/Parent Approval
- Background Check
- Copy of Driver License
- TABE Test
- High School transcript
- Essential Functions
- Purchase of book/supplies

## Next Step

### Education

Complete additional courses at TCR or transfer to a two- or four-year college for a degree in Early Childhood or Elementary Education.

Early Childhood Education - Concurrent is a college program at Technical College of the Rockies. Students earn college credits from TCR and high school credits from their home high school. Enrollment may be done only through the high school counselors.

## Gainful Employment Report

Important information about educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attend this program can be found on our website at [www.dmtc.edu](http://www.dmtc.edu).

**SOC Code** 25-2011/**CIP Code** 13-1210

**Median Loan Debt Title IV** **None**

No financial aid is available for this program.

*Loan information from EdExpress financial aid data for 2015-16.*

**New certificates with no enrollment in 2015-16  
Completion, Placement, and Licensure 2015-16**

Program Completers:

Completion Rate:

Job Placement Rate:

Licensure Exam Pass Rate: