

EARLY CHILDHOOD PEDAGOGY GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Overview

This credit-bearing graduate certificate (<https://education.ucdenver.edu/academics/reggio-emilia/ece-pedagogy-certificate/>) offered by University of Colorado Denver's School of Education & Human Development in partnership with Boulder Journey School cultivates student's pedagogical understandings and practices. It supports the capacity to increase the quality of teaching and learning within early childhood programs. Students have the choice of selecting three of six online Reggio-inspired courses to complement their current competencies and experiences. They can choose to articulate their three courses into the 30 credit hour MA in Innovative ECE, also in partnership with Boulder Journey School.

Please Note: Because this is a practice-based certificate program, students are required to maintain a position in either a classroom or an ECE position where they have regular, consistent and ongoing engagement in a classroom within their context.

Students in the Early Childhood Pedagogy certificate program will:

1. Develop an understanding and articulate their personal and professional beliefs about the image of the child, family and teacher, and the teacher's role in promoting the rights of children to quality teaching and learning.
2. Apply pedagogical and curricular practices with children and colleagues to deepen awareness and understanding of the complexities and opportunities within early childhood education.
3. Cultivate an intentional and inclusive practice of observation, documentation and assessment.
4. Engage across multiple pathways for deepening leadership actions around complex early childhood pedagogical issues and have advocate for opportunities for all young children.

Certificate Requirements

Prior to applying to the program, students will select three courses together with an advisor during an individual advising session.

All courses will be 8-week sessions. Fall and Spring semesters will be divided into two 8-week sessions.

Code	Title	Hours
Select three of the following:		9
ECED 6320	A Colorado Interpretation of Reggio Emilia Approach	
LDFS 6400	Observation, Documentation and Assessment	
ECED 6350	Literacy and the Hundred Languages	
ECED 6300	Contextual Curriculum I	
ECED 6330	Supportive Social Learning	
ECED 6310	Contextual Curriculum II	
ECED 6340	Messing About with STEM	
LDFS 6420	The Environment as the Third Teacher	
Total Hours		9