

## College Information

- The school must be a regionally accredited college or university. Front Range Community College FRCC , University of Colorado at Denver UCD, University of Colorado CU, Colorado State University CSU, University of Northern Colorado UNC, University of Denver DU, and Naropa are all accredited..
- If taking an online course - double check to make sure the institution is accredited by a regional accreditation institution.
- Montessori Institutes are accredited by Montessori organizations. However this is not the same as the Regional Accreditations for colleges and universities, therefore these classes do not qualify for the finan-

## Professional Experience

For the purpose of this incentive, professional experience is considered to be: work which is overseen by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care.

Accepted types of work with children: Licensed Family Childcare Provider. Having worked with children in a licensed childcare center or preschool.

Non accepted: Nanny, Sunday school teacher, cook, bus driver, or working in an exempt or unlicensed center, preschool or family childcare home.



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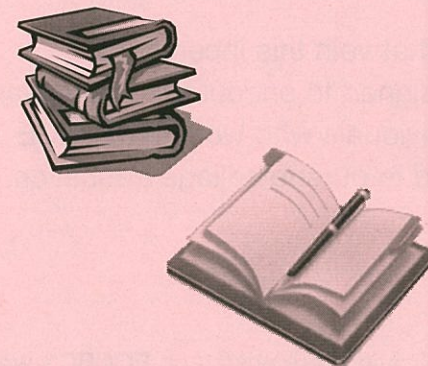
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[www.eccboultercounty.org](http://www.eccboultercounty.org)

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FINANCIAL INCENTIVE 2011

# FINANCIAL INCENTIVE for Early Childhood College Courses



## What is the Financial Incentive?

The Professional Development Financial Incentive of the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County is a program designed to reward individuals for completing college courses in Early Childhood Education.

The incentive is funded by one or more grants received by ECCBC specifically for this purpose.

Studies have shown that the amount of formal education a preschool child's teacher has positively correlates to the child's later academic achievement.

In that vein this incentive is designed to encourage and reward individuals who work in the ECE field to pursue college education.

Applications are posted on ECCBC's web site, beginning January first of each year.  
[www.eccbouldercounty.org](http://www.eccbouldercounty.org)

And mailed out with the January Training Calendar.

## What are the Requirements for the Financial Incentive ?

- Must live or work in Boulder County.
- Have a minimum of one year's experience in the early childhood field. If less than one year with current employer, a letter (on Letterhead) from previous employer(s) documenting experience with children is required. This must be professional experience!
- Presently employed at least 20 hours per week as an early care and education professional (e.g., licensed family child care provider, licensed child care center, preschool or Head Start).
- Courses must be in the field of early care and education or a closely related field.
- Course grade of B or better as documented by transcripts (incompletes and grades less than B are/will not be accepted).
- Up to 3 credit hours may be used toward the incentive. The maximum amount that can be received is \$600.
- Colorado Early Childhood Credential holders are awarded at a higher monetary rate, up to the \$600 maximum.

**Applications must be postmarked by  
January 31**

## How does this work?

The Financial Incentive is set up on a calendar year basis. This means that college courses taken and completed during one year may be used to apply for the Financial Incentive in January of the following year.

Applications are only accepted during the month of January. A post card is mailed out to acknowledge the receipt of the application, and to note any missing information.

Applications and transcripts are reviewed in February. Those that meet the requirements are put into the accepted application pool. These are then divided into those with current Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credentials and those without. Those with the Credential are awarded at a higher rate.

The number of accepted applications is then matched against the amount of money available for that year's Financial Incentive. Checks are generally cut in March, and mailed out to individuals.

### **Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential**

A credential awarded to ECE professionals who meet education and experience criteria set by CDE and CDHS. For more information and an application visit [www.coloradoopd.org](http://www.coloradoopd.org) or contact Linda at [lindaschow@msn.com](mailto:lindaschow@msn.com) for more information.