

## Financial Assistance Programs

### College Opportunity Fund (COF):

The State of Colorado provides a stipend to all eligible undergraduate students who attend participating Colorado public or private institutions. Go to [www.Collegeincolorado.org](http://www.Collegeincolorado.org) click on *Aid Opportunities not to be missed*.

- **Free Application for Student Aid**

(FAFSA): Go to [www.Fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.Fafsa.ed.gov)

## Scholarships and Grants

- **CAEYC Tuition Awards:** for full time college juniors or seniors or those who have completed at least six semester hours of ECE courses. Go to [www.Coloradoaec.org](http://www.Coloradoaec.org) click on *Tuition awards*.
- **Colorado T.E.A.C.H.** - Provides college scholarships to ECE professionals to help earn degrees and early childhood credentials. For information and application go to: [www.qualistar.org](http://www.qualistar.org). Click on *Childcare Professionals* and then *Training & Education*.
- **Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH)**-Federal program provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in public or private elementary schools serving students of low-income families. Go to [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) Click on *Federal Student Aid Programs* and then on *Grants*.
- **BOULDER COUNTY LATINA WOMEN'S LEAGUE/DOROTHY TRUJILLO SCHOLARSHIP:** Go to: [www.bcn.boulder.co.us/community/latinaleague](http://www.bcn.boulder.co.us/community/latinaleague)

## Loan Programs

- **Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL)** & the **William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan** (Direct Loan) are administered by the U.S. Department of Education. **Stafford Loans** are for students and **PLUS Loans** are for parents. Go to: [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) click on *Federal Student Aid Programs* and then *Stafford Loans*.



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Look for information on our website on how to apply for Financial Incentives for taking college coursework! Click on *Resources for Child Care Providers* and then *Professional Development*.

# Post Secondary Options in ECE

*Early Childhood Degrees  
Certifications  
Distance Learning  
Alternative Licensure  
Financial Assistance*



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"PROFESSIONAL  
PATHWAY" NOW**

## Certifications

Go to [www.smartstartcolorado.org](http://www.smartstartcolorado.org). Click on "Office of Professional Development" for links & info on:

- Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential: 303.333.6021
- GLQ(Group Leader Qualified/State of Colorado)
- Director Qualification (State of Colorado)
- Infant Nursery Supervisor (State of Colorado)

Child Development Associate (CDA)-For info and local programs go to [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org) Click on *CDA Resources* and then *National Directory*

University of Denver - The Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program (BECLP) is an academic certificate and concentration in Education Administration in ECE. For more info go to [www.du.edu/education/programs/buell](http://www.du.edu/education/programs/buell)

## Distance Learning Opportunities

ON-LINE COLLEGE COURSEWORK:

- The Early Childhood Online Distance Learning Program : [www.ccconline.org](http://www.ccconline.org)  
Colorado Community Colleges on line.
- Front Range Community College On Line:  
[www.frontrange.edu](http://www.frontrange.edu)
- University of Colorado at Denver and Health Science Center: on-line Masters degree in ECE or Early Childhood Special Education Specialist License: 303.556.6293 or [www.cuonline.edu/CUOECE](http://www.cuonline.edu/CUOECE)
- Colorado State University  
[www.learn.colostate.edu/degrees/human-development.dot](http://www.learn.colostate.edu/degrees/human-development.dot)
- Childcare Education Institute:  
Distance Training and Education Courses for Early Childhood Professionals. Earn a CDA.  
Go to [www.cceionline.com](http://www.cceionline.com)

For Information on  
CORRESPONDENCE COURSEWORK:

Go to:  
[www.nccic.org/poptopics/statedistlearning.html](http://www.nccic.org/poptopics/statedistlearning.html)

## Early Childhood or Related Degrees

### Two - Year Degrees



- Front Range Community College:  
[www.frontrange.edu](http://www.frontrange.edu)  
-Boulder County Campus: 303.678.3722  
-Westminster Campus: 303.404.5527  
-Larimer County Campus: 970.226.2500
- Red Rocks Community College:  
[www.rrcc.edu](http://www.rrcc.edu) 303.914.6253 or 6326
- Community College of Denver North Campus  
Courses offered in Spanish. 303.289.2243  
[www.ccd.edu/main.aspx?CID=7](http://www.ccd.edu/main.aspx?CID=7)

### Four - Year Degrees



- Naropa University:  
303.456.5288 [www.naropa.edu](http://www.naropa.edu)
- Colorado Christian University:  
1.800.443.2484 [www.ccu.edu](http://www.ccu.edu)
- Colorado State University:  
970.491.7480 [www.hdfs.caahs.colostate.edu](http://www.hdfs.caahs.colostate.edu)
- Metro State College:  
303.556.8303 [www.mscedu](http://www.mscedu)
- Regis University:  
303.458.4900 [www.regis-univ.com](http://www.regis-univ.com)
- Adams State College:  
719.587.7572 [www.adams.edu](http://www.adams.edu)



### Graduate Programs

- Naropa University [www.naropa.edu](http://www.naropa.edu)
- University of Colorado at Denver  
[www.cudenver.edu](http://www.cudenver.edu)
- University of Denver  
[www.du.edu](http://www.du.edu)
- University of Phoenix:  
1.566.766.0766 [www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu)

## Alternative Teacher Licensure Programs (ATLP)

*Licenses qualified candidates (requires a BA) as teachers through a site-based, one year program of training and supervision. Each ATLP is developed and operated by a school district, charter or private school, BOCES or institution of higher learning. A professional support team provides instruction, supervision and evaluation. Upon successful completion, candidates earn a three year provisional Teacher License, Colorado's standard entry-level.*

- Boulder Journey School:  
*Reggio Emilia inspired approach*  
303.443.8909  
[www.boulderjourneyschool.com](http://www.boulderjourneyschool.com)
- Friends' School:  
*Educating the Whole Child - Head, Hand & Heart*  
303.499.1999  
[www.friendsschoolboulder.org](http://www.friendsschoolboulder.org)
- Naropa University:  
*Contemplative approach*  
303.456.5255  
[www.naropa.edu/spirited](http://www.naropa.edu/spirited)
- University of Colorado at Denver:  
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