



2009 - 2010 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET
Award: Technical Certificate
Program of Study: Early Childhood Education Group Leader
www.mesastate.edu/wccc/programs

About This Major . . . The Early Childhood Education program is designed to prepare students to work with young children in a variety of settings. This certificate is designed for students wishing to work as lead teachers in a childcare classroom. Students who wish to work in licensed early childhood care and education programs may complete the certificate sequence of courses for group leader and may then continue on to earn an Associate of Arts degree Early Childhood Education. The Colorado Department of Human Services requires experience with young children in early childhood programs. The Group Leader certificate enables students to meet the educational qualifications established by the Colorado Department of Human Services.

POLICIES:

1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see the MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. You must turn in your "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office **by September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May, and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.**
3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the **semester prior to the semester of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than March 1 for fall graduates.**
4. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar's Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
6. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
7. NOTE: The semester before graduation, you may be required to take a Major Field Achievement Test (exit exam).

NAME: _____ **STUDENT ID #** _____

LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: _____

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I, (Signature) _____, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

Signature of Advisor

Date

Signature of Department Head

Date

Signature of Registrar

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Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration. See the "Undergraduate Graduation Requirements" in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

Degree Requirements:

- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all coursework
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework toward the major content area
- A student must follow the MSC graduation requirements either from 1) the program sheet for the major in effect at the time the student officially declares a major; or 2) a program sheet for the major approved for a year subsequent to the year during which the student officially declares the major and is approved for the student by the department head. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, the student should check with the faculty advisor for additional criteria. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all requirements for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the student's faculty advisor and Department Head.

Required Early Childhood Education Courses (15 Semester Hours)

Course No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term
EDEC 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3 credits	_____	_____
EDEC 102	Introduction to Early Childhood Lab	3 credits	_____	_____
EDEC 103	Guidance Strategies // Formerly EDEC 148	3 credits	_____	_____
EDEC 240	Curriculum & Development in EC	3 credits	_____	_____
EDEC 238	Early Childhood Development	3 credits	_____	_____

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR A TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN
Early Childhood Education Group Leader**

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites or are only offered during the Fall or Spring semesters. It is the student's responsibility to meet with their advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the Mesa State website for course availability.

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Hours</u>
EDEC 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC 102 Introduction to Early Childhood Lab	<u>3</u>
Semester Total	6

<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Hours</u>
EDEC 103 Guidance Strategies	3
EDEC 240 Curriculum & Development in EC	3
EDEC 238 Early Childhood Development	<u>3</u>
Semester Total	9