

## 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 at Boulder (CU), Colorado State University (CSU), University of Northern Colorado (UNC), University of Denver (DU) and Naropa are among the accredited institutions in Colorado.
- If you are taking an online course, make sure the school is accredited by a regional accreditation institution.
- Montessori Institutes are accredited by Montessori organizations. This is not the same as the regional accreditations for colleges and universities; therefore, these classes do not qualify for the Financial Incentive.

## Professional Experience

For the purpose of this incentive, professional experience is considered to be work overseen by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Early Care and Learning.

*Accepted types of work with children birth– 8 yr*

- Licensed family child care provider
- Having worked with children in a licensed child care center or preschool

*Not accepted:* nanny; Sunday school teacher; parenting; cook; bus driver; or working in an exempt or unlicensed center, unlicensed preschool or unlicensed family childcare home.

### For more information:

Contact Amy at  
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Or visit ECCBC's web site:  
[www.eccbouldercounty.org](http://www.eccbouldercounty.org)  
(click on "For Providers", "Professional Development")

### ECCBC

#### The Early Childhood Council of Boulder County

A collaboration of individuals and community agencies that represent early childhood interests in Boulder County.

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Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services CCAP

## ECCBC Financial Incentive for Early Childhood Education



Earn money for completing college courses in Early Childhood Education



## What Is the Financial Incentive?

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

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

This incentive is designed to encourage and reward individuals who work in the field to pursue college courses in ECE and aims to support the recruitment and retention of high quality ECE professionals in Boulder County. It is funded by one or more grants received by ECCBC specifically for this purpose.

Financial Incentive application packets for courses taken in either summer or fall 2021 are posted on ECCBC's website beginning January 1, 2022.

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

They are also mailed with the Nov/Dec 2021-January 2022 Training Calendars.

Financial Incentive application packets for courses taken in Spring 2022 will be available on ECCBC's website beginning June 1, 2022 and are also mailed with the Summer 2022 Training Calendar.

**Applications for courses completed in either summer or fall 2021 must be postmarked by January 31, 2022.**

## What Are the Requirements for the Financial Incentive?

- Must live or work in Boulder County at the time the course is taken, and when applying for the incentive.
- Must have a minimum of three (3) months in the ECE field.
- Must presently be employed at least 20 hours per week as an ECE professional (e.g., licensed family child care provider, licensed child care center, preschool or Head Start) or meet the requirements as outlined.
- Courses must be in the ECE field or a closely related field.
- Courses must be at an associates or bachelors degree level (**Master's-level and doctorate course work are not eligible**).
- Course grade must be B or better as documented by official transcripts (pass/fail, incompletes, or grades less than B are/will not be accepted).
- Up to three (3) credit hours may be used toward the incentive for each application window. The maximum amount awarded is \$600.
- Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential 2.0 or 3.0 holders are awarded at a higher rate, up to the \$600 maximum per application window. Credential must be listed in PDIS by January 1, 2022 to apply .
- Official transcripts must accompany the application.
- No double-dipping of education funds provided by ECCBC. For example, you cannot use both the Financial Incentive and the

## How Does It Work?

The Financial Incentive is set up on a semester basis. This means that college courses taken and completed in summer and fall 2021 may be used to apply for the Financial Incentive in January 2022.

**Applications are only accepted from January 1 through January 31, 2022.** A postcard is mailed out to acknowledge receipt of the application.

Applications and transcripts are reviewed in February 2022. Those that meet the requirements are put into the accepted application pool.

The number of accepted applications is then matched against the amount of money available for that semester's Financial Incentive. Checks are mailed to individuals no later than April 30, 2022.

Courses taken during Spring 2022 may be used to apply for the Financial Incentive in June 2022.

**New! Receipt of two Financial Incentives in one calendar year is now encouraged!**  
**Please contact Amy Carlough at [acarlough@eccbouldercounty.org](mailto:acarlough@eccbouldercounty.org) for important information and instructions regarding the receipt of multiple awards.**

### Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential 3.0

A credential awarded to ECE professionals who meet education and experience criteria set by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). For more information visit:

<https://www.coloradoshinespdis.com/>

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