Take courses to become a child care center director

Take your leadership abilities and passion for working with children to the next level by becoming a child care center director or substitute director. Colorado State University’s online courses fulfill the requirements necessary to apply for your Official Large Center Director Qualification Letter (OLCDQL) in Colorado, as well as qualifications in many other states.

For more information on child care director qualifications in the state of Colorado, including requirements and application procedures, please visit the [Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Child Care website](#).

For more information about obtaining coursework through CSU, please [view our handout](#). If you will be seeking Director Qualifications outside of Colorado, please check your state requirements to ensure the coursework offered through CSU is applicable.

Curriculum

Through these courses you will advance your knowledge of child development theory, learn applied practices to better meet children’s needs, and gain administrative skills to manage staff, clients, budgets, and licensing.

You do not need to be enrolled in a degree program to take these courses. Simply register for, and successfully complete, the child care director courses listed below.

- EDUC 275 – Schooling in the United States (3 cr.)
- HDFS 217 – Creative Experiences with Children (3 cr.)
- HDFS 286 – Practicum at an approved early childhood center (3 cr.)
- HDFS 310 – Infant and Child Development (3 cr.)
- HDFS 317 – Special Needs in Early Childhood (3 cr.)
  or
- PSY 460 – Child Exceptionality and Psychopathology (3 cr.)
  or
- HDFS 410 – Socioemotional Development in Childhood (3 cr.)
- HDFS 318 – Infancy and Toddlerhood (3 cr.)
- HDFS 402 – Couple and Family Studies (3 cr.)
- HDFS 439 – Administration of Early Childhood Programs (3 cr.)
- HDFS/FSHN 445 – Early Childhood Health, Safety & Nutrition (3 cr.)

Delivery

Online

Tuition

$476 per credit
Includes [Student Services](#)

Time frame

Varies based on intensity of study and previous coursework

Prepares you for

Large Center Director Qualification Verification in Colorado, as well as many other states

More info

[online.colostate.edu/certificates/director-qualifications](#)

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