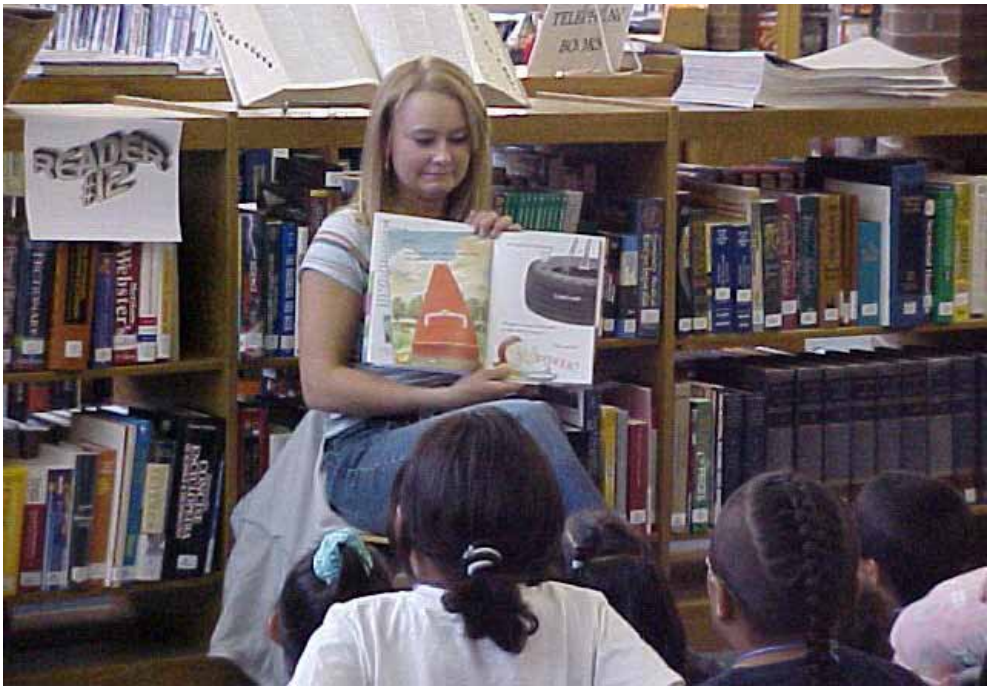
CENTRAL programs

Associate of Arts or AAS degree

Early Childhood

The growing field of early childhood education includes many different job opportunities. Regardless of the position you seek, if you are considering a degree in early childhood education, you should enjoy children and have a strong desire to help them learn and succeed.

CWC offers two degree programs: 1) AA in Early Childhood Education and 2) AAS in Early Childhood. These programs are designed to qualify students to teach in and/or manage childcare centers, pre-schools, child development centers and other areas dealing with the care of young children ages birth to eight years. They include courses that would enable a student to continue beyond the associate's degree toward a baccalaureate program in elementary education, early childhood education, or child development.



CAREER OPTIONS:

The outlook is bright for preschool teachers, kindergarten teachers, child, family and school social workers, teacher assistants and child care workers. Other jobs are available at Headstart and day care centers.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Associate of Arts Degree

General Education Requirements	Credits
Writing Level I (WR1)	3
Writing Level II (WR2)	3
American & Wyoming Government (POLS 1000)	3
ARTS	3
DIV	3
HUM	(In program)
LSCI	4
MATH	3
ORAL	(In program)
PEAC	1
SOC	(In program)
UNST	1
WELL	1

Program Requirements

CO/M	1030	Interpersonal Communication (ORAL)	3
EDEC	1020	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC	1100	Observation & Guidance of Young Child/Lab	3
EDEC	1200	Admin of Early Child Education	3
EDEC	1300	Young Child Curriculum Planning & Development	2
EDEC	1305	Young Child Curriculum Planning and Development Lab	1
EDEC	2122	Child Development Lab	1
EDEC	2200	Early Child Practicum	3
FCSC	1140	Nutrition	2
LIBS	2280	Literature for Children (HUM)	3
PSYC	1000	General Psychology (SOC)	4
PSYC	2300	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC	2325	Marriage and Family	3

Program Electives* 5

* May include all education courses, selected communication and psychology courses and others as approved.

Total 64

Current First Aid and Child/Infant CPR Certifications are required at the time of graduation.

EARLY CHILDHOOD
Associate of Applied Science

General Education Requirements	Credits
Writing Level I (WR1)	3
American & Wyoming Government (POLS 1000)	3
HUM/ORAL/SOC	(In program)
MATH/APPM/LSCI	3
PEAC/UNST/WELL	1

Program Requirements

CO/M	1030	Interpersonal Communication (ORAL)	3
EDEC	1020	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC	1100	Observance and Guidance of Young Children	3
EDEC	1200	Admin of Early Child Education	3
EDEC	1300	Young Child Curriculum Planning & Development	2
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Program Electives* 8

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General Electives 12

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Total 64

With the increased focus on the value of early childhood education and the subsequent wave of new jobs, those qualified to teach young children can anticipate a broad range of career opportunities. Not only can they make a difference in the lifelong learning experiences of their students but they can positively influence the quality and standards of the programs they teach – making the outlook and prospects even better for the next generation of teachers.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects favorable growth in the early childhood education field over the next ten years. As Baby Boomer teachers retire and school enrollment increases, the need for educators and child care workers will increase as well. In some areas, where the need for teachers is high, schools are offering bonuses and higher than average pay.