



Tuition Assistance Application

Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council provides tuition assistance to licensed providers from family child care, child care centers, and school-age programs to supplement the cost of college tuition or professional development like Pyramid Plus. For college courses, ACECC can award up to \$550. For Pyramid Plus courses, ACECC can award up to \$400.

All applications must be received by the specified deadline to be considered for the upcoming semester.

Spring Semester	Summer Semester	Fall Semester
Due November 25	Due May 25	Due July 25

**Applications for Pyramid Plus should be submitted by the specified deadlines above.*

Applicant Information		
Name:	Email:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Home Address:		
City:	Zip Code:	County:
Workplace/Business Name:		
Business Phone:	Child Care License Number:	
Business Address:		
City:	Zip Code:	County:
Does your workplace/business accept CCCAP?		

To be eligible for ACECC’s tuition assistance, you:

- Must live or work in Arapahoe County.
- Must work in a licensed family child care home, preschool, child care center, or school-age program.
- Must intend to remain in the field of Early Care and Education for a minimum of 1 year after the class is complete. (You/your workplace must currently accept/be willing to accept children from the Child Care Assistance Program.)
- Must register with the Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS) within two weeks of registering for the class.
- Must complete your course and provide documentation of a grade of “C” or above. If you don’t complete the course and/or receive a “C” or above, tuition assistance will be refunded.
- **Must NOT receive financial aid such as the Pell Grant or T.E.A.C.H. scholarship. This does not include federal loan programs.**

I understand that failure to complete any one or more of the eligibility requirements will result in forfeiture of the awarded scholarship. I agree that all statements made in the scholarship application are my own and true to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



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College Courses/Professional Development Information - ACECC awards tuition assistance for all college courses required to receive an Early Childhood Director Certificate. The following courses are pre-approved:

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| ECE 101 Intro to Early Childhood Education | ECE 238 Child Growth & Development |
| ECE 102 Intro to Early Childhood Techniques | ECE 240 Admin of ECE Programs |
| ECE 103 Guidance Strategies for Young Children | ECE 241 Admin of Human Relations |
| ECE 111 Infant & Toddler Theory and Practice | ECE 260 The Exceptional Child |
| ECE 205 Nutrition, Health, and Safety | ECE 288 Practicum, Early Childhood Education |
| ECE 220 Curriculum Development | |

Applicants can also use ACECC tuition assistance for other general education college courses in their pursuit of early childhood professional development. Those courses are approved on a case-by-case basis. If you are Director Qualified, you **MUST** submit a copy of your Director Qualification letter to request additional coursework.

Professional Development Information	
Applicant Position/Title:	
Age of children you primarily work with:	
Have you received tuition assistance from ACECC in the past? If yes, when?	
Coursework Name (if college include course number):	
College/Program Name:	Teacher Name:
Application Documents	
Please submit the following with your completed application. All answers must be original, specific to the course for which you are applying, and relevant to the questions being asked. Answers must be typed, not handwritten, and answered on a separate piece of paper.	
Remember, you must answer BOTH questions to be considered.	
1. State the name of the course you plan to attend. Write a 250-500 word essay discussing the course you plan to attend, how it will fit into your personal Professional Development Plan, why you want to take this course, and how this class will improve the quality of care you provide. Please provide three specific examples.	
2. Write a 250-500 word essay describing your personal experience working with parents. Describe how you EITHER support child-parent interactions OR parent-provider interactions. Use specific examples.	

Submit your application and necessary documents by email to Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council at info@acecc.org. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed, and applicants will be required to reapply for future consideration. Applicants can apply for and receive tuition assistance multiple times, but duplicate answers/applications will not be accepted.

Questions? Please contact Randi Mendez, Director of Quality Initiatives, at randi@acecc.org or (303) 919-1964.

The policy and intent of ACECC is to provide equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity status, disability, sex, or age. Tuition assistance applications are assessed on each applicant’s perceived ability to enhance the quality of Child Care and Education for the children of Arapahoe County. ACECC funding streams may further impact the allocation of funds, and the amount of available funds may fluctuate from semester to semester.