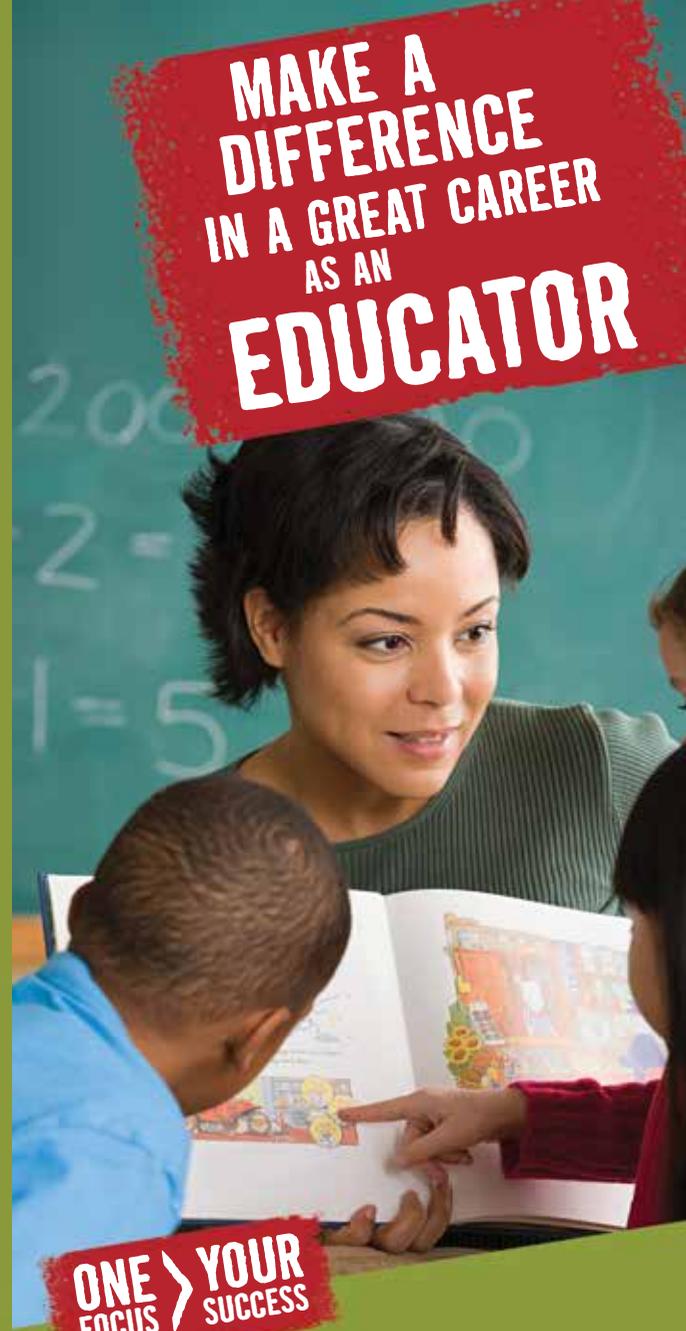


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**WANT TO CHANGE
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Challenging jobs are waiting for elementary school teachers

Colorado will need more than 1,100 elementary school teachers every year for the next eight years, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment predicts. If you want one of those jobs, get the foundation you need at Front Range Community College. An Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree in Elementary Education for Transfer lets you explore the world of education and take all the first- and second-year classes your four-year transfer college wants. And you save money on tuition, too.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

April Menzies, Ph.D.



April, who advises aspiring teachers at the Boulder County Campus, has been teaching anthropology and education classes at FRCC for 10 years. She comes from a family of teachers. Her grandfather and mother were high school science teachers. April's bachelor's degree is in anthropology; her master's in secondary education/community college instruction; her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction. All her

degrees are from Kansas State University. She loves teaching – at any level. “You never stop learning,” she says. “The students learn, and you’re part of that process. I really enjoy helping students achieve their goals. It’s their dream and passion to be in a classroom. It’s a privilege to help them make that happen.”

Job Outlook

	Entry Level	Average	Experienced
Elementary School Teacher	\$36,414/yr	\$49,600/yr	\$56,193/yr

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (2011)

If you have an A.A. degree in Elementary Education for Transfer from Front Range Community College, you will have a grasp of the “behind the scenes” work of education. You will learn many of the little things teachers need to know. You will have an understanding of the history and philosophy of U.S. education and a rudimentary understanding of funding, legal and ethical issues, classroom management, and discipline.

Here’s how the program works: You take 41 credits from FRCC that are accepted universally at any state college or university with an Elementary Education program; the other 19 credits you take at FRCC are unique to your transfer institution, so you need to decide on a target transfer college or university to know what to take. We will work with you to choose the right courses.

A career in elementary education could be just right for you. Do you like to work with children? Do you want to give back to society? Do you want to change the future? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you could be an elementary school teacher. If you’re still undecided, taking EDU 221 in your first or second semester at FRCC can help you decide whether this career is for you.

Learn from the best instructors in the business

They’re teachers. They have stories to tell that help make their subjects real and exciting. You can expect to learn a lot and have a great time doing it in small classes where you get lots of personal interaction. And with specific assignments in elementary schools, you also will get a real taste of this career as you observe veteran elementary school teachers and interact with elementary school students in their classrooms.

GET A REAL TASTE OF THIS CAREER

STUDENT PROFILES

Kelly Roth and Justin Gronewold



This couple has a shared goal of becoming teachers.

Kelly has started in the Master of Education and Teacher Licensure program at Colorado State University, but that's getting a little ahead of this story. A veterinary technician for four years, she was ready for a career switch. She knew she liked working with young people. "I came to FRCC because I had been out of classes for a while," she says. "I wanted to take a few courses to get back into things." And she wanted to see whether teaching was what she wanted. One class she took was EDU 221 – Intro to Education. That confirmed it. "Tony (Garcia) is an excellent teacher," she says. "He got us excited about teaching." Having a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from the University of Colorado and now working on a master's, Kelly wants to teach secondary science or math.

Justin attended college for two years in his home state of Nebraska before moving to Fort Collins 10 years ago. He worked a number of jobs. For the past three years he has been the head cook at a vegetarian restaurant. It's a great job, but with both parents and a grandparent having been teachers, he's got teaching in his blood. It's what he wanted to study back at that Nebraska college. So he started taking classes at FRCC "to see if I enjoyed being back in school." He did, and he plans to stay at FRCC for another year of guaranteed-transfer classes before transferring to Colorado State University. He's interested in teaching biology or earth sciences in a high school.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Anne Marie Jacobson



Anne Marie was a newspaper reporter and worked in advertising in Boulder for six years before going back to college at Northern Arizona University (NAU) for her teaching license. She started teaching children from preschool through third grade in 1998, most recently working as a master teacher in the lab school at Yavapai College and an adjunct instructor in the Early Childhood Education department.

Anne Marie earned a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from NAU in 2011. As a Colorado native, she'd had her eye on FRCC for a long time when the opportunity to join the ECE team arose. She joined FRCC in 2012 and became program director of the Larimer Campus Education and Early Childhood Education programs in 2013. "I love preparing future teachers," says Anne Marie. "I'm a big advocate for the field and feel I can have an impact as a teacher of education professionals." Anne Marie says that she couldn't be happier at FRCC. "Our administration really cares about students and is very focused on the things a community college should be focused on."

STUDENT PROFILE

Mike Monahan



Mike was in the restaurant business for 17 years, doing everything from waiting on tables to being a partner in four restaurants. "The hours were long and often late," he says – not what he and his family wanted. Having a lifelong desire to help others and "make the world a better place for our children," Mike decided to change careers. He is completing his A.A. degree as he is co-enrolled at the University of

Colorado-Boulder, where he is seeking a place in the elementary education program. He credits history professor Andy DeRoche's teaching methods for making "an invaluable contribution to my educational life." As Mike works toward his goal, he knows that "the rewards are all about the children and helping to create their futures."

Course requirements for Associate of Arts in Elementary Education for Transfer

REQUIRED COURSES CREDITS

Communications:

ENG 121 English Composition I (GT-C01) (grade of "B" or better is required)	3
ENG 122 English Composition II (GT-C01)	3
COM 115 Public Speaking	3
Total Communications Credits	9

Arts and Humanities:

(Select one course from the following)

LIT 115 Introduction to Literature I (GT-AH2)	3
LIT 201 Masterpieces of Literature I (GT-AH2)	3
LIT 202 Masterpieces of Literature II (GT-AH2)	3
LIT 211 Survey of American Literature I (GT-AH2)	3
LIT 221 Survey of British Literature I (GT-AH2)	3
Total Arts and Humanities Credits	3

Mathematics:

MAT 155 Integrated Mathematics I	3
MAT 156 Integrated Mathematics II	3
Total Mathematics Credits	6

Human Behavior, Cultural or Social Frameworks:

GEO 105 World Regional Geography (GT-SS2)	3
HIS 201 U.S. History I (GT-HI1)	3
POS 111 American Government (GT-SS1)	3
Total Human Behavior, Cultural or Social Frameworks Credits	9

Physical and Life Sciences:

SCI 155 Integrated Science I	4
SCI 156 Integrated Science II	4
Total Physical and Life Sciences Credits	8

Education Requirements:

EDU 221 Introduction to Education	3
PSY 238 Child Development	3
Total Education Credits	6

Electives: Select in consultation with program advisor	19
Total Required Credits for A.A. Degree	60

Note: Policies for accepting grades in transfer:

1. Only academic courses with a letter grade of "C" or better will be accepted for transfer.
2. Courses with the following grades are not transferable: "F," "D," "IP," "I," "U," "AU," and "Z."
3. A grade of "B" or better must be earned for ENG 121 English Composition I consistent with the Colorado standard teacher education admission standard.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Jo Murphy



As a high school student, Jo volunteered in an elementary school classroom with special-needs students. "That cemented my interest," says Jo, who went on to earn her B.A. in elementary education, special education emphasis. She started her career working with special-needs children in the first through fifth grades in Missouri, developing a program for the children in the school. Upon moving to Colorado

in 1984, she worked at Rivendell School, a preschool-sixth grade for special-needs children. When Rivendell closed in 1988, the Early Childhood Education program director at FRCC called Jo and offered her a job. She worked in the Children's Place at Westminster Campus for four years, and after earning her master's in early childhood special education, began teaching at FRCC, too. "The variety of experiences in my career has taught me so much," says Jo, who has been the ECE program director since 1998. In addition, she is now the Elementary Education lead for the Westminster Campus.

GET STARTED!

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