

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Associate Degree

This degree is designed to prepare highly qualified students to become teachers, assistant teachers, or family day care providers in professional child care for children ages birth through age eight years. Students may choose to continue their education at any four year institution in New Mexico. Students in the Early Childhood Education program will gain a broad understanding of the specific needs of young children and develop strategies for meeting those needs. This degree will also fill the criteria for the most highly qualified professional in an early childhood position under No Child Left Behind.

Credits

New Mexico Common Core Requirements (42 credits)

Group I: Science (8 credits, one course from each of 2 areas)

ASTR	110G	Introduction to Astronomy	4
	OR	ASTR 105G	
BIOL	101G/L	Human Biology	4
	OR	BIOL 111G/L Natural History of Life	
CHEM	110G	Principles and Applications of Chemistry	
	OR	CHEM 111 General Chemistry I	
GEOG	111G	Geography of the Natural Environment	
GEOL	111G	Survey of Geology	
PHYS	110G	The Great Ideas of Physics	
	OR	PHYS 211/L General Physics I	
	OR	PHYS 215/L Engineering Physics I	

Group II: Mathematics (6 credits)

MATH	111	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I	3
MATH	112G	Fundamental of Elementary Mathematics II	3

Group III: English and Communication Arts (10 credits)

ENGL	111G	Rhetoric and Composition	4
ENGL	211G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	3
COMM	265G	Principles of Human Communication	3
	OR	COMM 253G Public Speaking	

Group IV: Social Science and Culture (6 credits)

ANTH	201G	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ECON	201G	Introduction to Economics	3
	OR	ECON 251G Principles of Macroeconomics	
	OR	ECON 252G Principles of Microeconomics	
GEOG	112G	World Regional Geography	
GOVT	100G	American National Government	
	OR	GOVT 110G Introduction to Political Science	

Group V: History (3 credits)

HIST	101G	Roots of Modern Europe	3
	OR	HIST 102G Modern Europe	
	OR	HIST 201G Introduction to Early American History	
	OR	HIST 202G Introduction of Recent American History	

Group VI: Fine Art (3 credits)

ART	101G	Orientation in Art	3
MUS	101G	An Introduction to Music	
MUS	201G	History of Jazz in Popular Music	
THTR	101G	Introduction to Theatre	

Group VII: Critical Thinking and Analysis (6 credits)

PHIL	101G	The Art of Wondering	3
	OR	PHIL 201G Introduction to Philosophy	
C S	110G	Computer Literacy	3

Early Childhood Education (30 credits)

C EP	110G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
ECED	115	Child Growth, Development and Learning	3
ECED	125	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	2
ECED	135	Family and Community Collaboration	3
ECED	215	Curriculum Development and Implementation I	3
ECED	220	Early Childhood Education Practicum I	2
ECED	225	Curriculum Development and Implementation II	3
ECED	230	Early Childhood Education Practicum II	2
ECED	235	Introduction to Reading and Literacy Development	3
ECED	255	Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs	3
ECED	265	Guiding Young Children	3

Total Credits Required 72

A grade of C or better is required in Group III and all Early Childhood Education courses.