

EDUCATION

Associate Degree

The Associate in Education is designed to prepare the student for work as a teacher's aide, substitute teacher, or other paraprofessional in elementary or secondary schools. The curriculum is also designed for maximum application of credits to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) at NMSU for those students planning to complete the Bachelor's Degree in Education and include the lower division courses required for entry into the TEP.

Credits

New Mexico Common Core Requirements: (55 credits)

Group I: Lab Science 12 credits:

Choose one from any three subject areas-

ASTR	110G	Introduction to Astronomy	4
	OR	ASTR 105G The Planets	
BIOL	101G/L	Human Biology	4
	OR	BIOL 111G/L Natural History of Life	
CHEM	110G	Principles and Applications of Chemistry	4
	OR	CHEM 111 General Chemistry I	
GEOL	111G	Survey of Geology	4
	OR	GEOL 212 The Dynamic Earth	
	OR	GEOL 111G Geography of the Natural Environment	
PHYS	110G	The Great Ideas of Physics	4
	OR	PHYS 211/L General Physics I	
	OR	PHYS 215/L Engineering Physics I	

Group II: Math (6 credits) (Elementary)

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

OR

(Secondary)

MATH	120	Intermediate Algebra	3
MATH	210G	Mathematics Appreciation	3

Group III: English and Communication Arts (16 credits)

COMM	253G	Public Speaking	3
	OR	COMM 265G Principles of Human Communication	
ENGL	111G	Rhetoric and Composition	4
ENGL	211G	Writing in Humanities and Social Sciences	3
ENGL LIT		(ENGL 363* recommended for Elementary Education majors)	3
	OR	LING 200G Introduction of Language	
C S	110G	Computer Literacy	3

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	3
GOVT	100G	American National Government	3
	OR	GOVT 110G Introduction to Political Science	
SOC	101G	Introductory Sociology	3

Group V: Humanities (9 credits)

HIST	101G	Roots of Modern Europe	3
	OR	HIST 102G Modern Europe	
HIST	201G	Introduction to Early American History	3
	OR	HIST 202G Introduction to Recent American History	
PHIL	101G	The Art of Wondering	3
	OR	PHIL 201G Introduction to Philosophy	

Group VI: Fine Arts (6 credits)

ART	101G	Orientation in Art	3
	OR	MUS 101G An Introduction to Music	
	OR	MUS 201G History of Jazz in Popular Music, A Blending of Cultures	
	OR	THTR 101G Introduction to Theatre	
		Fine Arts Elective (ART, MUS, THTR)	3

Professional Education Courses: (13 credits)

C EP	110G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
C EP	210	Educational Psychology	3
ECED	265	Guiding Young Children	3
EDUC	181	Field Experience I	1
EMD	101	Freshman Orientation	1
EMD	250	Introduction to Education	2

Total Credits Required 68

Students must have an overall GPA of 2.5 and a C or better in all courses other than electives.

Students do *not* need to complete the associate's degree before continuing to the Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Students pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Education must apply to the *Teacher Education Program (TEP)*. Admission is competitive. Please see an advisor for details.

*ENGL 363 is a junior level course taught by the Las Cruces campus at Alamogordo each year.

A Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education completion program is available on the Alamogordo campus. Courses are brought to Alamogordo from Las Cruces. A few courses require students to visit the main campus.

Certificate in Educational Assistant

This certificate is designed to qualify the student to serve as a Teacher's Aide under the licensure requirements of HB 212. The curriculum is designed for maximum application of credits to the Associate in Education and for admission to the Teacher Education Program at NMSU for the Bachelor's Degree in Education Degree.

Students who are not interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree may select other courses for the electives.

Electives must be approved by an advisor. Electives must be selected to meet the following course requirements: language arts/reading, writing, math readiness, classroom management, teaching assistance, or professional development.

* EDLT 368, EDUC 315, and SPED 350 are junior level courses that are taught by the Las Cruces campus on the Alamogordo campus. To enroll, a student must be at least a sophomore (28 credits) and have completed ENGL 111G and CCDM 114N or higher level math.

A grade of C or better is required on all required courses.

			<u>Credits</u>
Required Courses (23 credits)			
ENGL	111G	Rhetoric and Composition	4
C EP	110G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
C EP	210	Educational Psychology	3
C S	110G	Computer Literacy	3
EDUC	155	Paraprofessional in the Classroom	3
EMD	250	Introduction to Education	2
MATH	111G	Fundamentals of Elementary Math I	3
RDG	200	Reading Readiness	3

The following list of courses are suggested electives, many other courses will meet requirements (24 credits)

ART	101G	Introduction to Art	3
	OR	MUS 101G An Introduction to Music	
	OR	MUS 201G History of Jazz in Popular Music: A Blending of Cultures	
	OR	THTR 101G Introduction to Theatre	
BIOL	101G	Human Biology/Lab	4
	OR	BIOL 111G/L Natural History of Life	
	OR	CHEM 110G Principles and Applications of Chemistry	
	OR	CHEM 111 General Chemistry I	
	OR	GEOG 111G Geography of the Natural Environment	
	OR	GEOL 111G Survey of Geology	
	OR	PHYS 110G The Great Ideas of Physics	
COMM	253G	Public Speaking	3
	OR	COMM 265G Principles of Human Communications	
EDLT	368*	Integrating Technology with Teaching	3
EDUC	195	Special Topics (limit 9 credits)	1-3
EDUC	315*	Multicultural Education	3
ENGL	211G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	3
GOVT	100G	American National Government	3
HIST	101G	Roots of Modern Europe	3
	OR	HIST 102G Modern Europe	
	OR	HIST 201G Introduction to Early American History	
	OR	HIST 202G Introduction to Recent American History	
MATH	112G	Fundamentals of Elementary Math II	3
SOC	101G	Introductory Sociology	3
SPED	350*	Survey of Programs for Exceptional Learners	3
Total Credits Required			48