

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - ASSOCIATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Note: Any education course more than seven years old taken at NMSU or at another institution will not be counted toward the student's undergraduate program. A student may ask for a review of this time limit by the appropriate department. The department head and/or faculty may recommend accepting a course that is seven years old with approval from the Dean's office. Any course not approved must be repeated by the student.

Students must have a 2.5 GPA to graduate from this program. However, a 2.75 GPA is required for acceptance into the Teacher Education Program at NMSU. A grade of C- or better is required in the following TEP prerequisites (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/early-childhood/>).

Total Credits Required for Degree: 68

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 68 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
Courses specified in the General Education areas below are Program required courses that will also fulfill General Education requirements.		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I ¹	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science ¹	3
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 2134G	Fundamentals of Elementary Math II ¹	3
<i>Areas III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
Select two Area III Laboratory Science courses (must be from two different subjects with labs) (8 credits) ⁴		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
Select one from the following: 3		
HIST 1130G	World History I	
HIST 1140G	World History II	
HIST 1150G	Western Civilization I	
HIST 1160G	Western Civilization II	
<i>Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts</i>		
Select one from the following: 3		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz	

MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre	
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
HIST 1110G	United States History I	3
or HIST 1120G	United States History II	
Program Requirements		
ECED 1110	Child Growth, Development, and Learning ¹	3
ECED 1115	Health, Safety, and Nutrition ¹	2
ECED 1120	Guiding Young Children ¹	3
ECED 1125	Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs ¹	3
ECED 1130	Family and Community Collaboration ¹	3
ECED 2110	Professionalism	2
ECED 2115	Introduction to Language, Literacy, and Reading ¹	3
ECED 2120	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) ^{1,2}	3
ECED 2121	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) Practicum ^{1,2}	2
ECED 2130	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 ²	3
ECED 2131	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 Practicum ²	2
EDLT 2110	Integrating Technology with Teaching ¹	3
MATH 1134	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I ^{1,3}	3
Total Credits		68

¹ Pre/co-requisites for Teacher Education Program (TEP). A grade of C- or better is required for course.

² Courses are available online from NMSU Grants. Check with Advisor.

³ Note: Prerequisite for MATH 1134 Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I is MATH 1215 Intermediate Algebra and ENGL 1110G Composition I.

⁴ See the General Education Section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/general-information/general-education-new-mexico-common-core/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses.

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A Suggested Plan of Study - Early Childhood

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

First Year		
Fall		Credits
ECED 1110	Child Growth, Development, and Learning	3
ECED 1115	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	2
ECED 1120	Guiding Young Children	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
MATH 1134	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I	3
Credits		15
Spring		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
ECED 1125	Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs	3
ECED 1130	Family and Community Collaboration	3

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ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
MATH 2134G	Fundamentals of Elementary Math II	3
Credits		15
Summer		
COMM 1115G or COMM 1130G	Introduction to Communication or Public Speaking	3
Credits		3
Second Year		
Fall		
ECED 2110	Professionalism	2
ECED 2120	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) ²	3
ECED 2121	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) Practicum ²	2
Area III: Laboratory Science Course ¹		4
HIST 1110G or HIST 1120G	United States History I or United States History II	3
Select one from the following:		3
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre	
Credits		17
Spring		
ECED 2115	Introduction to Language, Literacy, and Reading	3
ECED 2130	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 ²	3
ECED 2131	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 Practicum ²	2
EDLT 2110	Integrating Technology with Teaching	3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course ¹		4
Select one from the following:		3
HIST 1130G	World History I	
HIST 1140G	World History II	
HIST 1150G	Western Civilization I	
HIST 1160G	Western Civilization II	
Credits		18
Total Credits		68

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