

# EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY) - ASSOCIATE IN 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/education/>).**

## Total Credits Required for Elementary Concentration: 60

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 60 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
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
Courses specified in the General Education areas below are Program required courses that will also fulfill General Education requirements.		
<i>Area I: Communication</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I <sup>1</sup>	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	3
<i>Areas III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
Choose two different subjects with labs (8 credits)		
ASTR 1115G	Introduction to Astronomy Lecture & Laboratory	
or ASTR 1120G	The Planets Lecture & Laboratory	
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 1190G	Contemporary Problems in Biology	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	

CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors)	
or CHEM 1215G	General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
ENVS 1110G	Environmental Science I	
GEOG 1110G	Physical Geography	
GEOL 1110G	Physical Geology	
PHYS 1115G	Survey of Physics with Lab	
PHYS 1230G & PHYS 1230L	Algebra-Based Physics I and Algebra-Based Physics I Lab	
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
HIST 1130G	World History I	3
or HIST 1140G	World History II	
<i>Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts</i>		
Choose one from the following:		3
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
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	
<b>Program Requirements</b>		
BLED 1110	Introduction in Bilingual Education/ESL	3
BLED 2110	Bilingual Methods <sup>1</sup>	3
CEPY 2110	Learning in the Classroom <sup>1</sup>	3
EDLT 2110	Integrating Technology with Teaching <sup>1</sup>	3
ELAD 2340	Multicultural Leadership in Education	3
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics	3
MATH 1134	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I <sup>1, 2</sup>	3
MATH 1215	Intermediate Algebra	3
Choose one from the following:		3
GEOG 1120G	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 1130G	Human Geography	
POLS 1120G	American National Government	
POLS 1110G	Introduction to Political Science	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Prerequisite for MATH 1134 Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I is adequate scoring on the Mathematics Placement Exam, or any ACT/SAT and GPA combination that is considered equivalent, or a C- or better in MATH 1215 Intermediate Algebra or higher.

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### Suggested Plan of Study - Education, Elementary Concentration

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		Credits
Fall		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	3
or COMM 1115G	or Introduction to Communication	

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ELAD 2340	Multicultural Leadership in Education	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
Choose one from the following:		3
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre	

**Credits 16**

**Spring**

BLED 1110	Introduction in Bilingual Education/ESL	3
CEPY 2110	Learning in the Classroom	3
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
HIST 1130G	World History I	3
or HIST 1140G	or World History II	
MATH 1215	Intermediate Algebra	3

**Credits 15**

**Second Year**

**Fall**

BLED 2110	Bilingual Methods	3
HIST 1110G	United States History I	3
or HIST 1120G	or United States History II	
MATH 1134	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I	3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course <sup>1</sup>		4
Choose one from the following:		3
GEOG 1120G	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 1130G	Human Geography	
POLS 1110G	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS 1120G	American National Government	

**Credits 16**

**Spring**

EDLT 2110	Integrating Technology with Teaching	3
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics	3
MATH 2134G	Fundamentals of Elementary Math II	3
Area III: Laboratory Science <sup>1</sup>		4

**Credits 13**

**Total Credits 60**

<sup>1</sup> See the Degree Requirements tab (p. 1) for more information