

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
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: Communication</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	3
<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
Choose two different subjects with labs (8 credits)		
ASTR 1115G	Introduction to Astronomy Lecture & Laboratory	3
or ASTR 1120G	The Planets Lecture & Laboratory	3
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	3
BIOL 1190G	Contemporary Problems in Biology	3
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	3
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	3

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	3
<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	3
Program Requirements		
BLED 1110	Introduction in Bilingual Education/ESL	3
BLED 2110	Bilingual Methods ¹	3
CEPY 2110	Learning in the Classroom ¹	3
EDLT 2110	Integrating Technology with Teaching ¹	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 ^{1,2}	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	
Total Credits		60

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

² 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.