

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - ASSOCIATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Students completing all of the Early Childhood coursework within the associate degree are eligible to apply for the Professional Certificate issued by the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department. For more information, contact the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department at 1-800-832-1321.

Doña Ana Community College 2026-2027 Catalog (68 credits)

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Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G or ENGL 1110M	Composition I ^{1,2} Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science ^{1,2}	3
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
Select one of the following: 3		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication ²	
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking ²	
HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication Honors ²	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 2134G	Fundamentals of Elementary Math II ^{1,2}	3
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i> 11		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior ²	
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences - Choose two from the following (total of 8 credits from different prefixes/areas):</i>		
Group A:		
ASTR 1120G or ASTR 1115G	The Planets Lecture & Laboratory ² Introduction to Astronomy Lecture & Laboratory	
Group B:		
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory ²	
BIOL 1190G	Contemporary Problems in Biology ²	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory ²	

BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory ²	
Group C:		
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors) ²	
or CHEM 1215G	General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
Group D:		
GEOL 1110G	Physical Geology ²	
or GEOG 1110G	Physical Geography	
Group E:		
PHYS 1115G	Survey of Physics with Lab ²	
PHYS 1230G & PHYS 1230L	Algebra-Based Physics I and Algebra-Based Physics I Lab ²	
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
Select one of the following: 3		
HIST 1130G	World History I ²	
HIST 1140G	World History II ²	
HIST 1150G	Western Civilization I ²	
HIST 1160G	Western Civilization II ²	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i>		
Select one of the following: 3		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art ²	
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz ²	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music ²	
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre ²	
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
HIST 1110G	United States History I ²	3
or HIST 1120G	United States History II	
Core Requirements		
MATH 1134	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I ^{1,2,3}	3
Select one from the following: 3		
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology ²	
ECON 1110G	Survey of Economics ²	
ECON 2110G	Macroeconomic Principles ²	
ECON 2120G	Principles of Microeconomics Honors ²	
GEOG 1120G	World Regional Geography ²	
or GEOG 1130G	Human Geography	
POLS 1110G	Introduction to Political Science ²	
or POLS 1120G	American National Government	
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology ²	
Major Requirements		
<i>Technical Requirements (29 credits)</i>		
ECED 1110	Child Growth, Development, and Learning ^{1,5}	3
ECED 1115	Health, Safety, and Nutrition ^{1,5}	2
ECED 1120	Guiding Young Children ^{1,5}	3
ECED 1125	Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs ^{1,5}	3
ECED 1130	Family and Community Collaboration ^{1,5}	3
ECED 2110	Professionalism ⁵	2
ECED 2115	Introduction to Language, Literacy, and Reading ^{1,5}	3
ECED 2120	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) ^{1,5}	3

ECED 2121	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) Practicum ^{1,4,5}	2
ECED 2130	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 ⁵	3
ECED 2131	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 Practicum ^{4,5}	2
Total Credits		68

¹ Courses are required to apply for the Teacher Education Program (TEP).

² G Courses are part of the New Mexico General Education Requirements.

³ MATH 1134 Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I is required for this degree but students may need to complete prerequisite(s) prior to enrolling in this course depending on math placement and completion of ENGL 1110G Composition I or ENGL 1110M Composition I.

⁴ Courses include a minimum of 68 hours of Practicum placement over a timeframe of 11 weeks that must be completed within New Mexico at an approved placement site.

⁵ Courses completed more than 7 years prior to graduation date will not count towards graduation and must be repeated.

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A Suggested Plan of Study

The contents of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. This is only a suggested plan of study for students, and is not intended as a contract. Individual student academic plans may vary. Please contact your academic advisor to create a plan that works for you. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

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Semester 1		Credits
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 1		4
ENGL 1110G Composition I or ENGL 1110M or Composition I		
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences - Choose one from the following:		3
ANTH 1115G Introduction to Anthropology		
ECON 1110G Survey of Economics		
ECON 2110G Macroeconomic Principles		
ECON 2120G Principles of Microeconomics Honors		
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THEA 1110G Introduction to Theatre		

ECED 1110	Child Growth, Development, and Learning	3
ECED 1115	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	2
Credits		15

Semester 2

Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 2		3
ENGL 2221G Writing in the Humanities and Social Science		
MATH 1134 Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I		3
ECED 1130 Family and Community Collaboration		3
ECED 1125 Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs		3
ECED 1120 Guiding Young Children		3
Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science		
CEPY 1120G Human Growth and Behavior		3
Credits		18

Semester 3

Area I: Communications - Oral Communications		3
COMM 1115G Introduction to Communication or COMM 1130G or Public Speaking or HNRS 2175G or Introduction to Communication Honors		
Area II: Mathematics		
MATH 2134G Fundamentals of Elementary Math II		3
Area III: Laboratory Sciences - Choose one from the following (total of 8 credits from different prefixes/areas):		4
Group A:		
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CHEM 1120G Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and or CHEM 1215G Laboratory (non majors) or General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors		
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Group D:

GEOG 1110G Physical Geography or GEOL 1110G or Physical Geology		
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Group E:

PHYS 1115G Survey of Physics with Lab		
PHYS 1230G Algebra-Based Physics I & PHYS 1230L and Algebra-Based Physics I Lab		

Area V: Humanities

HIST 1130G World History I or HIST 1140G or World History II or HIST 1150G or Western Civilization I or HIST 1160G or Western Civilization II		
ECED 2120 Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK)		3

ECED 2121	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) Practicum	2
Credits		18
Semester 4		
General Education Elective - Area V: Humanities		3
HIST 1110G or HIST 1120G	United States History I or United States History II	
ECED 2115	Introduction to Language, Literacy, and Reading	3
ECED 2110	Professionalism	2
ECED 2130	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3	3
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