

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - ASSOCIATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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

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.

A grade of C- or better is required in all ECED and CEPY courses, as well as ENGL 1110G Composition I or ENGL 1110M Composition I and designated Mathematics courses.

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	
Area III: Laboratory Sciences - Choose two from the following (total of 8 credits from different prefixes/areas):		
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 or GEOG 1110G	Physical Geology ² 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 or HIST 1120G	United States History I ² United States History II	3
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 or GEOG 1130G	World Regional Geography ² Human Geography	
POLS 1110G or POLS 1120G	Introduction to Political Science ² 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.