

# EDUCATION

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## Associate Degree: Education

### Concentrations:

- Elementary Education
- Secondary Language Arts
- Secondary Math
- Secondary Science
- Secondary Social Studies
- Special Education (Elementary)

The Education associate degree program at Doña Ana Community College is designed to prepare students for transfer into the Teacher Education Program (TEP), a baccalaureate program at New Mexico State University. Alternatively, students may opt to transfer to a similar program at another four-year institution. The DACC program includes the lower division courses required for entry into the TEP. Completion of this program does NOT guarantee admission into a Teacher Education Program at a four-year institution. Early in their second year of study at DACC, students should contact the four-year institution they have chosen to obtain application information.

The Education associate degree has designed concentration areas in Elementary Education, Elementary Special Education, Secondary Language Arts, Secondary Math, Secondary Science, and Secondary Social Studies Education. Each of the concentration areas are designed to transfer seamlessly to the associated bachelor's degree program at New Mexico State University.

## Requirements and Limitations

1. Students in the Education Program are required to complete and pass a security background check in order to take field-experience courses. Past criminal violations may prevent a student from completing the degree and from being hired by school systems or other child care facilities upon graduation.
2. Students in the Education Program may be required to provide proof of current immunizations in order to complete practicum courses and field experiences.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of "C-" in all education, TEP pre-requisite courses including specific ENGL and MATH courses, endorsement and teaching field courses.
4. Students must have a 2.0 GPA to graduate from this program. However, a 3.0 GPA is required for acceptance into the Teacher Education Program at NMSU. For this reason, it is highly recommended that DACC students complete the Education Program with a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
5. Any education course more than seven years old taken at NMSU, NMSU community colleges, or other institutions will not be counted toward the student's Associate degree and baccalaureate program. It is highly recommended that students request a review of their cumulative coursework by the appropriate department. Any course not approved must be repeated by the student.

Note: It is recommended that students declare a concentration area with the help of an education advisor.