



Associate of Arts
Early Childhood Education

This program offers instruction and practical experience in working with young children and their families. Academic learning is integrated with on-site experience which builds the pre-service teacher's confidence and hands-on competence. This degree also addresses the general early childhood competency areas which partially fulfill the requirements for the New Mexico Department of Public Education licensure in Early Childhood Education (birth-grade three). In addition, this degree provides an excellent background if you wish to transfer into the Education Program at New Mexico Highlands University or to the College of Santa Fe. However, to insure the best transition to another college, you must work closely with your Northern advisor and with department advisors in the institution to which you wish to transfer.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (35 crs)

COMPLETED **Planned Timeline**
(by semester)

Communications (9 crs)

ENG 111 English Composition I (3)

Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

SPCH 130 Public Speaking (3)

Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

Choose **one** of the following two courses:

ENG 112 English Composition II (3)

Prequisite: ENG 111

ENG 116 Technical Writing (3)

Prequisite: ENG 111

Mathematics (3 crs)

MATH 150 College Algebra (3)

Pre-requisite: MATH 130 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

Laboratory Sciences (8 crs)

Choose **two courses (with labs)** from the following list:

ASTR 110/L Introduction to Astronomy w/lab (4)

Pre-requisites: ENG 109 and MATH 102 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

BIOL 110/L Current Topics in Biology w/lab (4)

CHEM 110/L Introduction to Chemistry w/lab (4)

Pre-requisite: MATH 102

ES 112/L Environmental Science w/lab (4)

GEOL 101/L Physical Geology w/lab (4)

GEOL 102/L Historical Geology w/lab (4)

PHYS 110/L Introduction to Physics w/lab (4)

Social/Behavioral Sciences (6crs)

Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

You must select courses from **at least two different discipline areas** from the following:

ANTH 101/L Physical Anthropology w/Lab (4)

ANTH 102 Intro to Social & Cultural Anthropology (3)

ANTH 110 Indian Culture of the Southwest (3)

ANTH 207 Cultures of New Mexico (3)

ECON 200 Macroeconomics (3)

ECON 201 Microeconomics (3)

GEOG 111 World Geography (3)

PSCI 110 The Political World (3)

PSCI 120 Contemporary Political Issues (3)

PSCI 200 American Politics (3)

PSCI 210 State and Local Government (3)

PSCI 212 The American Presidency (3)

PSY 105 General Psychology (3)

PSY 210 Theories of Personality (3)

PSY 229 Adolescent Psychology (3)

- PSY 230 Psychology of Adjustment (3)
 - PSY 232 Abnormal Behavior (3)
 - PSY 270 Social Psychology (3)
 - PSY 290 Developmental Psychology (3)
 - SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)
 - SOC 213 Deviant Behavior (3)
 - SOC 216 Ethnic and Intercultural Relations (3)
 - SOC 220 Social Problems (3)
- Plus, topic courses with advisor's approval

Humanities and Fine Art (9 crs) *

Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

- PHIL 220 Ethics (3)

You must select **two** courses **from at least one different discipline area** from the following:

- ART 105 Introduction to Art (3)
 - ART 107 History of Art (3)
 - ART 211 History of Art (3)
 - DANC 240 Dance Appreciation (3)
 - ENG 270 Children's Literature (3)
 - Pre-requisite ENG 111*
 - ENG 262 Literature of the Southwest (3)
 - Pre-requisite ENG 112*
 - ENG 265 Native American Literature 1 (3)
 - Pre-requisite ENG 111*
 - ENG 266 Native American Literature II (3)
 - Pre-requisite: ENG 111*
 - ENG 280 Readings in Literature (3)
 - Pre-requisite ENG 111*
 - ENG 290 Study of Literature
 - Pre-requisite ENG 111*
 - ENG 294 Mythology (3)
 - Pre-requisite ENG 111*
 - HIST 101 Western Civilization I (3)
 - HIST 102 Western Civilization II (3)
 - HIST 161 History of the U.S. to 1877 (3)
 - HIST 162 History of the U.S. from 1877 (3)
 - HIST 200 History of the World Religions (3)
 - HIST 220 Southwestern Women's History (3)
 - HIST 230 Chicano Experience in the US (3)
 - HIST 250 American Indian History (3)
 - HIST 260 History of New Mexico (3)
 - HUM 105 Humanities and the Southwest (3)
 - HUM 311 Why the Social Sciences Matter ** (3)
 - Pre-requisite ENG 112*
 - HUM 414 Humanity and Creativity ** (3)
 - Pre-requisite ENG 112*
 - MUS 102 Theory and Music (3)
 - MUS 105 Music Appreciation (3)
 - MUS 125 History of Jazz I (3)
 - MUS 126 History of Jazz II (3)
 - MUS 127 History of Latin Jazz (3)
 - MUS 240 Music History (3)
 - PHIL 110 Intro to Philosophical Problems (3)
 - PHIL 111 History of Philosophy (3)
 - PIS 200 Introduction to Pueblo Indian Studies
 - THE 120 Introduction to Theatre I (3)
- Plus, topic courses with advisor's approval

You must complete 15 credits(*) between the areas of Social/Behavioral Science and Humanities/Fine Arts

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION (1 CR)

Elective (1) _____

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (29 crs)

- CS 102 Computer Literacy (3)
- ECE 202 Child Development (3)
- ECE 218 Nutrition, Health, and Safety (3)
- ECE 219 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3)
- ECE 221 Methods and Materials for Early Childhood Education (3)
- ECE 224 Learning Environments (3)
- ECE 226 Parent/Community Involvement in the School Setting (3)
- ECE 234 Field Based Practicum (2)
- ECE 285 Child Guidance (3)

Choose one of the following courses:

- ECE 235 Student Teaching: Infant/Toddler (3)
- ECE 236 Student Teaching: Preschool (3)
- ECE 237 Student Teaching: Elem. School (3)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 65

Educational Planning Form (Semester)

Name _____ Date _____

Major _____ Student ID _____

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer
Total Units	Total Units	Total Units
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Advisor's Signature _____

Student Signature _____