



## 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. However, to ensure 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 (35 CRS) SEE PAGES 24–27**

#### **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 CREDITS 65**