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