

# TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### Associate of Arts

76 credit hours

This degree program is designed to prepare the student to work with young children in a variety of day care settings and/or to prepare the student to work toward a Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education. Upon completion, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of promoting children's health and safety through awareness, effective practices, and health education.
- Use and explain the rationale for developmentally appropriate methods that include play, small group projects, open-ended questioning, group discussion, problem solving, cooperative learning and inquiry experiences to help young children develop intellectual curiosity, solve problems and make decisions.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skill in the use of developmentally appropriate guidance techniques and strategies that provide opportunities to assist children in developing positive thoughts and feelings about themselves and others through cooperative interaction with peers and adults. Students will development, implement, and evaluate an integrated curriculum that focus on children's development and interest, using their language, home experiences, and cultural values.
- Adapt content to meet the needs of each child, including the development of individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) and/or Individualized Education Plans (IEP) for children with special needs through the team process with families and other team members.

**NOTE:** GPA 2.75 is required.

*\*Additional hours may be required for program requirements for transfer students who are NMGEC complete.*

*Any student who is ineligible for state, national, or industry licensure or certification is ineligible for entry into this program.*

#### Institutional and Related Requirements – 9 hours

ENGL 1110 – Composition I (3)  
FYEX 1110 – First-year Seminar (3)  
BCIS 1115 – Intro. to Computers (3)

#### OR

BUSA 1110 – Intro. to Business (3)

*Note: If institutional/related requirements are waived, additional elective courses will be needed to meet the minimum hours required for the degree.*

#### Program Requirements – 35 minimum hours

ECED 1110 – Child Growth, Development & Learning (3)  
ECED 1115 – Health, Safety, and Nutrition (2)  
ECED 1120 – Guiding Young Children (3)  
ECED 1125 – Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs (3)  
ECED 1130 – Family and Community Collaboration (3)  
ECED 2110 – Professionalism (2)  
ECED 2115 – Introduction to Language, Literacy, and Reading (3)  
EDUC 2116C – Structured Observations of Teaching and Learning (3)  
ECED 2120 – Curriculum Development through Play, Birth-Age 4 (PreK) (3)  
ECED 2121 – Curriculum Development through Play,

Birth-Age 4 (PreK) Practicum (2)

ECED 2130 – Curriculum Development & Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 (3)

ECED 2131 – Curriculum Development & Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 Practicum (2)

MATH 2625 – Elementary Mathematical Concepts II (3)

#### Program requirements below may be used to satisfy NMGEC

##### Communications (6)\*

ENGL 1120 and COMM 2150

##### Mathematics (3)

MATH 2610

##### Lab Science and Flexible Nine (8)\*

BIOL 1110/L or BIOL 2110/L,

##### AND

CHEM 1110C or GEOL 1110/L or GEOL 1120/L

##### Creative and Fine Arts (3)\*

ARTH 1110 or MUS 1130

##### Humanities and Flexible Nine (6)\*

HIST 1110, 1120, 1150, 1160, 2110

##### Social and Behavioral Sciences and Flexible Nine (6)\*

ECON 1110, 2110, 2120 POLS 1120, SOCI 1110, SOCI 2310

*\*May be used to satisfy the content area in NMGEC.*

#### New Mexico General Education Curriculum (NMGEC) – 32 hours (as itemized below)

Communications – 6 hours

Mathematics – 3-4 hours

Science – 4 hours

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours

Humanities – 3 hours

Creative and Fine Arts – 3 hours

Flexible Nine – 9 hours