

Early Childhood Education Degree

Associate of Arts

The associate of arts in early childhood education is designed to serve students either as a stand alone associate degree in the field of early childhood education or to serve as a transfer option. The transfer option allows students to first obtain their associate of arts in early childhood education and then continue seamlessly as a junior at the University of Nevada, Reno, working toward a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education. By choosing specific transfer classes at TMCC students may complete their lower division courses and obtain their associate of arts in early childhood education prior to transferring to UNR. Students are encouraged to obtain academic advisement from early childhood education faculty to ensure smooth transitions in a university transfer process.

Degree Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

- Demonstrate the scope of knowledge and skills based on the five National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) Associate Degree Standards. These include promoting child development and learning; building family and community relationships; observing, documenting, and assessing; teaching and learning; and becoming a professional.
- Gain competence and skills required to gain entry into a baccalaureate degree program. These include understanding child development, guiding young children, developing professionalism in the ECE field, developing and implementing curriculum for children birth through preschool, working with families and the community, understanding children with disabilities, observing, documenting and assessing young children, and various field experiences with young children.

General Education Requirements

Diversity	(3 credits)
Required: ANTH 201	
English	6 credits
Required: ENG 101 and 102 or ENG 113 and 114	
Fine Arts	3 credits
Choose from: ART 100, 160, 260, 261; HUM 101, 102, 105, 106, 271; MUS 121, 122, 225, 226; THTR 100, 105, 180, 210	
Humanities	6 credits
UNR requires CH 201 and 202 or choose from HIST 105, 106, 247, HUM 101, 102, 211, AAD 201, ART 160, 260, 261, 265, MUS 121, 225, 226, Foreign Language, all 200 level English, all 100 and 200 level Philosophy.	
Mathematics	3 credits
Choose from: MATH 120, 126 and 127, 128, 176, 181; or MATH 126 and STAT 152	
Science (lab required)	3 credits
Required: NUTR 121	
Social Science	9 credits
UNR recommends CH 203 or choose from HIST 101, 102, 217, PSC 101, 208, all 100 and 200 Anthropology (except ANTH 102), CRJ 101, 220, 230, ECON 102, 103, 104, all 100 and 200 level history, HDFS 201, JOUR 101, all 100 and 200 level political science, all 100 and 200 level psychology, all 100 and 200 level sociology. Anthropology 201 fulfills 3 credits of social science.	
U. S. and Nevada Constitutions	3 credits
Choose one or two courses from the following. If two courses covering both constitutions are completed, three credits may apply toward social science or electives. PSC 101 (both constitutions), CH 203 (both constitutions), HIST 101 and 102 or HIST 101 and 217 or HIST 101 and PSC 208	

Total General Education Requirements 33 Credits

A student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 (C) or better and a minimum grade of "C" must be made in each of the core requirements.

Core Requirements

ECE 130	Infancy.....	3
ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education.....	3
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	3
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Child Development Lab	3
ECE 245	Practicum Seminar.....	2
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development.....	3
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3

Total Core Requirements 32 Credits

Total Degree Requirements 65 Credits

Students who receive an early childhood education AA degree with an emphasis in early childhood education must complete practicum through TMCC.

Suggested Course Sequence

First Year	Course #	Title	Credits
1st Semester			
Core	ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care & Education (ECE 250 may be taken concurrently)	3
Core	ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
Mathematics	Elective	Choose from list	3
Social Science	Elective	Choose from list	3
English/Communications	ENG 101 or 113	Composition I or Composition I for Non-native English Speaker	3
Core	HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
Total			18
2nd Semester			
Humanities	CH 201	Ancient and Medieval Cultures	3
Core	ECE 130	Infancy	3
Core	ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	3
Fine Arts	Elective	Choose from list	3
Social Science	Elective	Choose from list	3
English	ENG 102 or 114	Composition II or Composition II for Non-native English Speaker	3
Total			18
Second Year	Course #	Title	Credits
3rd Semester			
Humanities	CH 202	The Modern World	3
Core	ECE 200	The Exceptional Child	3
Core	ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
Core	ECE 251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
Science	NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
Total			15
4th Semester			
Diversity/ Social Sci.	ANTH 201	Peoples and Cultures of the World	3
U.S. and NV Constitutions	CH 203	American Experiences and Constitutional Change	3
Core	ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Child Development Lab (ECE 231 & ECE 245 must be taken concurrently)	3
Core	ECE 245	Practicum Seminar (ECE 231 & ECE 245 must be taken concurrently)	2
Core	HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
Total			14
Degree Total			65

