

Early Childhood Education



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TMCC

Truckee Meadows Community College

Early Childhood

The Early Childhood Education Program at Truckee Meadows Community College

The early childhood associate degree program prepares individuals to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in a variety of early childhood settings, including infant-toddler programs, preschools and child care centers, family child care homes, and Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Coursework includes theory and foundations of child growth and development; child health, safety and nutrition; child guidance; curriculum planning; administration of ECE programs; professionalism and ethics; observation and assessment; working with parents and families; and understanding children with challenging conditions. In addition, the program offers specialized courses for working with infants and toddlers, school age children and program administration. Upon completion of coursework, students foster the physical, cognitive, language, creative and social-emotional development of young children.

Students learn to apply their knowledge of child growth and development through practical experiences in early childhood programs. Graduates are prepared to work with infants, toddlers and preschool age children, with employment opportunities as a classroom teacher or aide, preschool owner/director, nanny, child care resource and referral specialist, or trainer/consultant.

"The early childhood education program at TMCC helped build the foundation for my career path. It has helped develop my skills and self-confidence as a professional in the ECE field."

- Marcella Orozco, TMCC ECE Program Graduate and Head Teacher

Benefits to Students

The ECE program meets the diverse needs of students and helps them achieve their educational goals with

- Conveniently scheduled classes, including evenings and weekends
- Courses in two formats—traditional classroom on campus and online
- Small class sizes
- High quality faculty with expertise and experience in early care and education
- A college child care center accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for observation, field experience and practicum
- A variety of degree, certificate and course options



Steps to Enroll

1. Complete a TMCC application for admission online or contact the Starting Point or chat online.
2. Get help with your college expenses by completing the online FAFSA.
Important: If you are a new, degree-seeking student, steps three, four and five are required. If you are not a new, degree-seeking student, steps three, four and five will help to ensure your success at TMCC, but you are not required to complete those steps to enroll.
3. Take TMCC's free ACCUPLACER placement test to discover which courses are right for you. Contact testing services for more details.
4. Manage your transition into your first semester. Register for a free new student orientation or contact the Starting Point for assistance. Sessions are scheduled at each TMCC campus and education center at times that will fit your schedule.
5. Make an appointment with an ECE faculty member to talk about potential majors, course requirements and the classes you've selected.
6. Register for your classes online and search TMCC's Web-based class schedule to find the most current class information.
7. Pay your fees prior to the payment deadline. View payment options or contact the controller's office.



Degrees and Certificates

Associate of Arts (AA) - Early Childhood Education

For students interested in transferring to the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), TMCC has a 2+2 Articulation Agreement in ECE/HDFS. The purpose of the agreement is to help graduates of TMCC's ECE program gain admission to UNR's early childhood education program in human development and family studies (HDFS). Students who complete the associate of arts degree in ECE at TMCC can transfer to UNR's program as first-semester juniors. This option makes a smooth transition between the two programs, allowing students to more easily achieve both their AA degree at TMCC and their bachelor's degree at UNR without the loss of credit hours or time.

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) - Infant/Toddler Emphasis

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) - Preschool Emphasis

AAS degrees also transfer to the University of Nevada, Reno (as well as other four-year degree programs), usually as a second-semester sophomore.

Certificate of Achievement - Teacher

For specifics on the requirements for each of these programs, contact TMCC or see the program Web site at www.tmcc.edu/ece

The State of Nevada currently supports students studying early childhood education through scholarships in The Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program and T.E.A.C.H.® Nevada. Other statewide ECE initiatives include the Nevada Registry and Career Ladder, and the Office of Early Care and Education.



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Program Mission

The mission of the early childhood education program is to provide professional preparation for students for careers in early care and education, who will seek to enrich the quality of life for all children and families, and the diverse communities in which they work and live.



For more information about the early childhood education program at
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