

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The Department of Teacher Education offers two program levels in Early Childhood Education (ECED). The two programs of study allow students to pursue various opportunities toward their professional development.

Level 1 – 45-hour Entry-Level Course

Level 2-A – Associate in Applied Science/General Studies – ECED Concentration

Level 2-B – Associate in Arts – ECED

Interested students should meet with a Teacher Education academic adviser to discuss which course of study is best suited to meet the student's academic and career goals.

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREES

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECED) PROGRAM LEVELS

#### Level 1

The 45-hour entry level course, ECME 111, is a basic 3-credit course that introduces the student to the seven competency areas of skill and knowledge developed by the state of New Mexico. Students enrolled in this course use their current knowledge and experience to expand their learning in each competency area.

All students who complete ECME 111 receive a certificate of completion awarded by the New Mexico State Office of Child Development.

#### Level 2-A

##### 2-Year Career Track

##### Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education

This program option allows students the flexibility to combine general education course work with an area of concentration focused on early childhood education.

#### Level 2-B

##### Associate in Arts in Early Childhood Education

The 67 credit hours for the A.A. degree transfer to all publicly funded four-year colleges and universities in New Mexico.

### PROGRAM PROGRESSION

The program in Early Childhood Education is designed to be completed in four or five semesters of full-time study. Courses are to be taken in sequences as outlined by the department. Students must work closely with their transfer institutions and their SFCC advisers to ensure the best transition to four-year schools.

### ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Submission of an application is required for admission to the A.A. in ECED program. Students may pick up a program application in the Teacher Education Department or may download one online from the Teacher Education Department Web site at [www.sfccnm.edu/teachered/](http://www.sfccnm.edu/teachered/).

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(66 hrs. min.)

CIP: 13.1209

This degree program is designed for students who are interested in working with young children, through grade three, and their families. The ECED A.A. transfers as the first two years of a bachelor in arts degree in early childhood education to every public four-year college and university in the state of New Mexico. The completion of this degree partially fulfills the New Mexico Public Education Department's competencies for the birth to third grade licensure.

This A.A. degree fulfills the requirements for qualifying as a lead teacher or director of an early childhood center. In addition, this degree fulfills the No Child Left Behind Act requirements for educational assistants in the public schools.

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (37 HRS. MIN.)

Communications (9 hrs.)

ENGL 111           Composition and Rhetoric (3)

ENGL 112           Composition and Literature (3)

SPCH 111           Public Speaking (3)

[or]

SPCH 235           Intercultural Communication (3)

Humanities (6 hrs.)

Behavioral/Social Sciences (6 hrs.)

PSYC 111           Psychology I (3)

PSYC 290           Developmental Psychology (3)

Math (3 hrs.)

MATH 119           Applications of Mathematics for Nonscience Majors (3)  
or higher

Science (8 hrs.)

Computers/Technology (3 hrs. min.)

CITC 111           Computers and Technology (4)

[or]

OFTC 111           Business Software Essentials I (4)

[or]

EDUC 228           Technology for the classroom (3)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation or Dance (2 hrs. min.)

CORE REQUIREMENTS: (29 HRS.)

ECED 111	Child Growth, Development and Learning (3)
ECED 112	Health, Safety and Nutrition (2)
ECED 113	Family and Community Collaboration I (3)
ECED 114	Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs I (3)
ECED 211	Introduction to Reading and Literacy Development (3)
ECED 215	Professionalism (2)
ECED 216A	Curriculum Development and Implementation I (3)
ECED 216B	Curriculum Development and Implementation Practicum I (2)
ECED 217A	Curriculum Development and Implementation II (3)
ECED 217B	Curriculum Development and Implementation Practicum II (2)
ECED 218	Guiding Young Children (3)

Note: See “College Success Course Requirement” on Page 8.

TOTAL 66 CREDITS MIN.