



**University of New Mexico-Taos  
Associate of Arts in  
Early Childhood Education**

The Early Childhood Education (ECED) Associates degree program is a *Teacher Residency Program*, where theory and practice are woven into the learning experience. Students are mentored by an experienced teacher in a birth - 3rd grade classroom, while taking the required ECED coursework. The program is designed to support students working in the field of education and those wanting to receive hands-on learning in the classroom. Additionally, it supports students who are interested in obtaining a solid understanding of early childhood before transferring to a four-year university to complete their bachelor's in early childhood education. This program is geared toward the licensure track of PreK-3rd Grade but will articulate with the non-licensure or a related field in family child studies with some modifications (see UNM catalog for specific degree requirements for your transfer program). Students have the option of receiving a stackable ECED Certificate (32 credit hours), and then working toward an Associate degree (61 credits). As part of this program, students will complete the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential preparation courses.

*All AA ECED students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor each semester to ensure they are on track to graduate and prepared to transfer. UNM-Taos reserves the right to make necessary changes as needed. Students should consult with an advisor prior to enrollment.*

<b>Area 1: Communication</b>	<b>6 credit hours</b>
<p><b>Required:</b>                  English (ENGL) 1120 Composition II  <b>and</b>                  Communications (COMM) 1130 Public Speaking                  OR                  English (ENGL) 2120 Intermediate Composition                  OR                  English (ENGL) 2210 Professional and Technical Communication</p>	
<b>Area 2: Mathematics and Statistics</b>	<b>6 credit hours</b>
<p>Mathematics (MATH) 1118 Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I                  Mathematics (MATH) 2118 Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers III  <i>*Please see an advisor for non-licensure pathway.</i></p> <p>UNM will accept MATH 1130 or 1350 as substitute for MATH 2118.</p>	
<b>Area 3: Physical and Natural Science</b>	<b>8 credit hours</b>
<p><i>Choose (4) credit hours from the following:</i>                  Natural Science (NTSC) 1110 Physical Science for Teachers                  Natural Science (NTSC) 1120 Life Science for Teachers                  Natural Science (NTSC) 2110 Environmental Science for Teachers</p> <p><i>Choose (4) credit hours from the General Education Program in Area 3.</i>  <i>*Please see an advisor for non-licensure pathway.</i></p>	

<b>Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>	<b>3 credit hours</b>
Choose one (1) course from the UNM General Education Program in Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4).	
<b>Area 5: Humanities</b>	<b>3 credit hours</b>
Choose one (1) course from the UNM General Education Program in Humanities (Area 5).	
<b>Area 6: Second Language</b>	<b>3 credit hours</b>
One (1) course chosen from any lower division non-English language offering of the Department of Linguistics (Including Sign Language), Spanish and Portuguese, Foreign Languages and Literatures, and foreign languages in other departments and programs.	
<b>Area 8: Student Choice</b>	<b>3 credit hours</b>
<b>Choose one (1) additional</b> General Education Course from one Area (1-7). Students who do not place into English 1120 will apply the credit hours from the pre-requisite English 1110 (or the equivalent English 1110Y or English 1110Z) to help fulfill Area 8 requirements.	
<b>Early Childhood Core Requirements</b>	<b>29 credit hours</b>
ECED 1110 Child Growth, Development & Learning (3) ECED 1115 Health, Safety & Nutrition (2) ECED 1130 Family & Community Collaboration (3) ECED 1120 Guiding Young Children (3) ECED 2120 Curriculum Development through Play: Birth through Age 4 (PreK) (3) ECED 2121 Curriculum Development through Play: Birth through Age 4 (PreK) Practicum (2) ECED 2115 Introduction to Language, Literacy and Reading (3) ECED 2130 Curriculum Development and Implementation: Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 (3) ECED 2131 Curriculum Development and Implementation: Age 3 (PreK) through Grade Practicum (2) ECED 1125 Assessment of Children & Evaluation of Programs (3) ECED 2110 Professionalism (2)	

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED 61**