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Catalog Year 2026-2027



University of New Mexico Taos

Associates of Arts in Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education (ECED) Associate's 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 (licensure PreK-3rd Grade or non-licensure) or a related field in family child studies.

Students have the option of receiving a stackable ECED Certificate (32 credit hours) and then working toward an associate degree (63 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 changes as needed. Students should consult with an advisor prior to enrollment. Courses must be passed with a C or higher (no C-).

General Education Requirements – 31 credits

Courses must be chosen from the UNM approved General Education list. The list is available at <https://gened.unm.edu/>.

Area I: Communication – 6 credit hours

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
ENGL 1120	Composition II	3		
COMM 1130, ENGL 2120 or ENGL 2210		3		

Area II: Mathematics and Statistics – 3 credit hours

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
MATH 2118, 1350 or 1130		3		

*Please see an advisor for non-licensure pathway.

Area III: Physical and Natural Sciences w/ Lab - 4 credits

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester

Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science (3 credits)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
		3		

Area VA: Humanities - 3 credits

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
		3		

Area VB: Second Language - 3 credits

Second Language including 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.

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester

Area VI: Arts and Design - 3 credits

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester

Area VII: Flexible: Student Choice - 6 credits

Choose two (2) courses from the UNM General Education Program from two different Areas I-VI. 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 VII requirements.

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
ENGL 1110	Composition I			

Required Core Courses - 32 credits

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
ECED 1110	Child Growth, Development and Learning	3		Fall:
ECED 1115	Health, Safety and Nutrition	2		Fall:
ECED 1120	Guiding Young Children	3		Spring:
ECED 1130	Family and Community Collaboration	3		Spring:
ECED 2115	Intro to Language Literacy and Reading	3		Fall:
ECED 1125	Assessment	3		Spring:
ECED 2110	Professionalism	2		Spring:
ECED 2120	Curriculum Development through Play (birth-3)	3		Fall:
ECED 2121	Curriculum Development through Play (birth-3) Practicum	2		Fall:
ECED 2130	Curriculum Development and Implementation (pre-school-3 rd)	3		Spring:
ECED 2131	Curriculum Development and Implementation (pre-school-3 rd) Practicum	2		Spring:
MATH 1118	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I	3		

FYEX 1110 (0-3 credits) Required for students with 26 or less credit hours at time of starting ECED program.

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GRAND TOTAL CREDITS: 63-66