

TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

School of Education, (505) 428-1689

These programs facilitate achievement of the New Mexico Public Education Department's entry-level teacher competencies. The competencies align with the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education's (NCATE) standards, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) standards. Through these certification programs, qualified individuals can complete course work in early childhood, elementary, secondary, or special education. Upon successful completion of one of the aforementioned programs and required state exams, candidates are eligible to apply for level-one provisional teaching licenses.

Admissions Requirements:

To qualify for the Teacher Academy Certification Program, the New Mexico Public Education Department requires the following: Bachelor's degree and, if seeking licensure in secondary education, 30 semester hours of credit in a particular field that pertains to the licensure sought; or Master's or Doctorate degree including 12 semester hours of graduate credit in a particular field that pertains to the secondary licensure area sought.

Admission to the Teacher Academy also requires:

- Passing scores on the Basic Skills portion of the New Mexico Teacher Assessment (NMTA). For information, visit www.nmta.nesinc.com or call (413) 256-2884.
- Completion of the SFCC admissions application.
- Successful completion of EDUC 201A: Orientation to the Teaching Profession and EDUC 201B: The Critically Reflective Teacher. Candidates for early childhood licensure must complete EDUC 250: ECE Profession in New Mexico.
- Completion of the Teacher Academy application packet, including official college transcripts and three professional reference letters

Call (505) 428-1687 to request a packet or visit our website at www.sfcc.edu/departments/teachereducation to download general information and application packets.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD (BIRTH THROUGH GRADE 3) TEACHER CERTIFICATION

(21 hrs.)

CIP: 13.1210

CORE REQUIREMENTS: (21 HRS.)

EDUC 250	ECE Profession in New Mexico (1)*
EDUC 251	Foundations of Early Childhood (2)
EDUC 252	Family and Community Collaboration (3)
EDUC 253	Curriculum Development and Learning Environments in ECE (3)
EDUC 254	Assessment and Evaluation in ECE (3)
EDUC 255	Early Literacy I: Introduction to Theory and Models (3)
EDUC 256	Early Literacy II: Development and Implementation (3)
EDUC 257L	Supervised Field Experience in ECE (3)

*ECED 111 or an equivalent is a prerequisite for acceptance into the early childhood program and all other courses within this program.

TOTAL 21 CREDITS