

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

(66 hrs. min.)

CIP: 13.1209

School of Education, (505) 428-1687

This program transfers as the first two years of a bachelor in arts degree in early childhood education at public four-year colleges and universities in New Mexico. The completion of this degree partially fulfills the New Mexico Public Education Department's competencies for a birth to grade three licensure. Graduates may qualify as a teacher in an early childhood center. Students must work closely with their transfer institutions and their SFCC advisers to ensure the best transition to four-year schools.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Describe the processes of and influences on development in young children.
- Identify the adult's role in supporting each child's growth, development and learning.
- Create and promote supportive environments that engage parents, guardians, families and the community to meet the needs of each child.
- Select and use diverse assessment tools to monitor child development.
- Select and use diverse assessment tools to monitor the quality of early childhood programs.
- Design, implement and evaluate curricula and instruction that promote optimal development and learning for all children.
- Make appropriate and ethical decisions to positively influence children's development.
- Analyze safe environments and appropriate nutrition that promote positive physical and mental health for young children.

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)

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SPCH 220 Interpersonal Communication (3)

[or]

SPCH 235 Intercultural Communication (3)

Math (3 hrs. min.)

MATH 111 Math for Elementary School Teachers I (3)

[or]

MATH 121 College Algebra (4) or higher

Science (8 hrs.)

No more than 4 hrs. in any one discipline area

Social/Behavioral Sciences (6 hrs. min.)

PSYC 111 Psychology I (3)

Choose from the following:

ANTH 207 Cultures of the Southwest (3)

PSYC 211 Educational Psychology (3)

PSYC 290 Developmental Psychology (3)

Humanities and Fine Arts (6 hrs. min.)

Choose from the following:

- HIST 111 Western Civilization I (3)
- HIST 112 Western Civilization II (3)
- HIST 161 United States History to 1877 (3)
- HIST 162 United States History from 1877 (3)
- HIST 260 History of New Mexico (3)
- SPAN 111 Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 113 Beginning Heritage Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 120 Survival Spanish for the Education Professional (3)

Computers/Technology (3 hrs. min.)

Choose from the following:

- CITC 111 Computers and Technology (4)
- EDUC 228 Technology for the Classroom (3)
- MART 119 Digital Skills (3)
- OFTC 111 Business Software Essentials I (4)

**Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) 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 10.

TOTAL 66 CREDITS MIN.