

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AA

Program Code: Early Childhood Emphasis-AA

This program can be completed 100% online.

Program Description

The Associate of Arts, Early Childhood Education is designed to serve students either as a stand-alone associate degree, or as a university transfer degree. The transfer option allows students to complete specific lower division courses at TMCC and obtain an Associate of Arts degree in early childhood education; and then transfer to UNR as a junior to complete a bachelor of science degree in human development and family studies.

Early Childhood Education Career Map (<https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/>)

Recommended Course Schedule

1st semester		Units
ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education	3
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ENG 101	Composition I	3
or ENG 100	or Composition Enhanced	
or ENG 113	or Composition I for International and Multilingual Students	
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
Mathematics ⁶		3
Semester Total		15
2nd semester		
ECE 130	Infancy	3
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	3
ENG 102	Composition II	3
or ENG 114	or Composition II For International and Multilingual Students	
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	3
Semester Total		15
3rd semester		
ECE 251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
EDU 207	Exploration of Children's Literature	3
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
Semester Total		15
4th semester		
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab	3
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child	3

Fine Arts ⁵	3
Humanities/U.S. and Nevada Constitutions ⁶	3
Science ⁵	3
Semester Total	15
Total Units	60

⁵ See approved General Education list for the AA/AS Degree. (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>)

⁶ See program recommendations or requirements.

The AA in *Early Childhood Education* at TMCC is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, www.naeyc.org (<http://www.naeyc.org/>). The accreditation term runs from July 2023 through July 2025.

Field Experience and Practicum Experience:

All ECE degrees require courses with field experience and practicum experience in early childhood classrooms with young children (birth to age eight). Field experiences and practicum experiences are focused student teaching experiences that require the student to demonstrate specific skills in an early childhood classroom with young children.

- Students can complete the practicum experience through TMCC or through their place of work if they work in a licensed childcare setting serving children aged 3-5.
- Students are required to have fingerprints, an approved background check, and a clear TB test prior to enrolling in courses with field experience or practicum experience. If a student fails to meet these requirements, or if the background check is not approved, the student will not be permitted to participate in courses with field experience or practicum experience.
- Students must meet all of the prerequisite/corequisite requirements, as well as have the practicum instructor's approval prior to enrolling in a practicum course.
- Students must work with the practicum instructor to arrange a practicum schedule and placement site.

Accreditation

The Early Childhood Education, AA is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation (ECADA).

NAEYC/ECADA
1313 L St. N.W. Suite 500
Washington DC 20005
800-424-2460, Extension 8007

Program Requirements

Associate of Arts degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university.

To earn an AA degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.

3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AA (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

- ² Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better, and a minimum grade of "C" must be earned in each degree and emphasis requirement.
- ³ Course may also count toward degree requirements. Please consult with Academic Advisement.
- ⁴ Students must complete the practicum experience through TMCC.

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
<i>English</i>		3-6
Must include ENG 102 or ENG 114 ¹		
<i>Fine Arts</i>		3
<i>Humanities</i>		3
Recommended:		
CH 203	American Experiences and Constitutional Change	
<i>Mathematics</i>		3
Required:		
MATH 120	Fundamentals of College Mathematics (or higher)	
<i>Science</i>		6
Required:		
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	
<i>Social Science</i>		3
Required:		
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	
Additional College Requirements		
<i>Diversity</i>		
Required:		
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	[3]
<i>Foreign Language</i>		0
<i>U.S. and Nevada Constitutions</i> ³		[3]
Recommended:		
CH 203	American Experiences and Constitutional Change	
Degree Requirements ²		
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	3
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab	3
Emphasis Requirements:		
ECE 130	Infancy	3
ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education	3
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	3
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¹ If you place directly into ENG 102 or ENG 114, the additional 3 required units will become elective credit.

Program Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

PSLO1: Summarize the developmental period from birth through age 8 across developmental domains.

PSLO2: Demonstrate effective partnerships with families and early childhood community partners.

PSLO3: Implement ethically grounded and developmentally appropriate assessment to promote positive outcomes for children.

PSLO4: Use a broad repertoire of developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate teaching skills that are responsive to the learning trajectories of young children.

PSLO5: Design curriculum that integrates all academic content areas, is aligned with early learning standards, and uses effective pedagogical methods.

PSLO6: Demonstrate professionalism as an early childhood educator.

Transfer Agreements

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. General information about general transfer agreements can be found on the Academic Advisement website (<https://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/transfer-students/transfer-agreements/>). Students who intend to transfer to another college or university should speak with a TMCC Academic Advisor and consult with that institution. The transfer institution determines how TMCC courses will transfer. TMCC has agreements with the following institutions towards a bachelor's degree in the same or similar discipline.

- University of Nevada, Reno (<https://www.unr.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/transfer-agreements/>)
- Great Basin College (<https://www.gbcnv.edu/admissions/articulation/>)