The Early Childhood program is designed to prepare highly qualified students to become teachers, assistant teachers, or family day care providers in professional child care for children ages birth through eight years. Students may choose to continue their education at any four year institution in New Mexico. Students in the Early Childhood Education program will gain a broad understanding of the specific needs of young children and develop strategies for meeting those needs. This degree will also fill the criteria for the most highly qualified professional in an early childhood position under No Child Left Behind. This degree transfers into a Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood from the College of Education. Note: A GPA of 2.5 is required for application to the NMSU Teacher Education program.

Early Childhood - Associate Degree (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/degrees-certificates/early-childhood/early-childhood-associate-degree)

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