EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

33 credits

The requirements for the Certificate in Early Childhood Education at NMSU Grants also meet the requirements of the one-year vocational certificate awarded by the State of New Mexico, Office of Child Development.

This Certificate is 100% embedded in, and leads to the Associate of Early Childhood Education at NMSU Grants.

Requirements and Limitations

- Students in the Early Childhood Program are required to complete and pass a security background check in order to take practicum courses and field experiences. Practicum Courses ECED 2121 and 2131 require a Criminal Background Clearance in order to complete 60 hours of practicum per course. Past criminal violations may prevent a student from completing the degree and from being hired by school systems or other childcare facilities upon graduation.
- Students must complete ENGL 1110G Composition I with a C or better.
- Students must have a 2.0 GPA to apply for this certificate. However, 2.75 GPA is required for acceptance into the Teacher Education Program at NMSU.
- Any education course more than seven years old taken at NMSU, NMSU community colleges or other institutions will not be counted toward the student's baccalaureate program. It is highly recommended that students request a review of their cumulative coursework by the appropriate department at NMSU. The student must repeat any course not approved.

Completion of all requirements does not guarantee acceptance in the NMSU Teacher Education Program. Please see the NMSU College of Education Advising Center for more information.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education Requirement		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
Early Childhood Requirements		
ECED 1110	Child Growth, Development, and Learning	3
ECED 1115	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	2
ECED 1125	Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs	3
ECED 1120	Guiding Young Children	3
ECED 1130	Family and Community Collaboration	3
ECED 2110	Professionalism	2
ECED 2115	Introduction to Language, Literacy, and Reading	3
ECED 2120	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK)	3
ECED 2121	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) Practicum	2
ECED 2130	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3	3
ECED 2131	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 Practicum	2
Total Credits		**33**

A Suggested Plan of Study

This roadmap is only a suggested plan of study in order to complete this Certificate in 2 or 3 semesters. A 3 semester completion plan may work best due to the required ENGL 1110G, Composition I as a prerequisite for the Curriculum and Practicum I and II courses. It is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change. Students are advised to earn a C or better to avoid repeating courses. A 2.75 GPA is required to apply to a Teacher Education Program at NMSU. This plan presumes the student is ready for ENGL 1110G, as determined by the English Placement test, an ACT score, or passing the prerequisite course.

First Year		
Fall		**Credits**
ECED 1115	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	2
ECED 1125	Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs	3
ECED 2120	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK)	3
ECED 2121	Curriculum Development through Play Birth through Age 4 (PreK) Practicum	2
	Credits	**10**
Spring		
ECED 1130	Family and Community Collaboration	3
ECED 2110	Professionalism	2
ECED 2115	Introduction to Language, Literacy, and Reading	3
ECED 2130	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3	3
ECED 2131	Curriculum Development and Implementation Age 3 (PreK) through Grade 3 Practicum	2
	Credits	**13**
Summer		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
ECED 1110	Child Growth, Development, and Learning	3
ECED 1120	Guiding Young Children	3
	Credits	**10**
	Total Credits	**33**

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