EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - CERTIFICATE

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.

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. 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 111G Rhetoric and Composition with a C or better.
• Students must have a 2.0 GPA to apply for this certificate. However, because a 2.5 GPA is required for acceptance into the Teacher Education Program at NMSU, it is highly recommended that Grants students complete the Early Childhood Education program with a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
• 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.

General Education Requirement
ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition 4

Early Childhood Requirements
ECED 115 Child Growth, Development, and Learning 3
ECED 125 Health, Safety, and Nutrition 2
ECED 135 Family and Community Collaboration 3
ECED 215 Curriculum Development Through Play 3
ECED 220 Early Childhood Education Practicum I 2
ECED 225 Curriculum Development and Implementation II 3
ECED 230 Early Childhood Education Practicum II 2
ECED 235 Introduction to Language, Literacy and Reading 3
ECED 245 Professionalism 2
ECED 255 Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs 3
ECED 265 Guiding Young Children 3

Total Credits 33