

Early Childhood Education Emphasis

REQUIRED CREDITS: 60

DEGREE CODE: ECEEDUC-AA

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This degree is designed to provide for the first two years of college preparation for students wanting to be certified as early childhood teachers, (preschool through second grade), who plan to become a paraprofessional (Instructional Aide) and/or in preparation for other early childhood careers.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate the dimensions of multicultural education, and demonstrate knowledge of the appropriate pedagogical practices for teaching diverse students.
- Demonstrate the use of computers, programs and software, the internet, and technological tools.
- Explain the major theoretical perspectives of educational psychology and apply the concepts and methods of psychology to teaching, learning, and schooling.
- Explain the variety of conventional and informal appraisal techniques for evaluation of the learner's progression and performance, and provide various modifications within the instructing and learning strategies.
- Explain the historical, legal, and philosophical foundations, setting, problems, complexities, and issues related to contemporary early childhood education.

PLEASE NOTE - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (34 CREDITS)**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (26 CREDITS)**

	CR	SEMESTER		CR	SEMESTER
MATHEMATICS	3	_____	CORE REQUIREMENTS (25 credits)		
MATH 120 or 123 or above			ECE 232 Practicum: Infant and Toddler	3	_____
ENGLISH COMPOSITION	6-8	_____	ECE 250 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	_____
ENG 100 or 101 or 113; and 102 or 114			ECE 251 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3	_____
LITERATURE	3	_____	ECE 252 Infant/Toddler Curriculum	3	_____
ENG 223 or above			ECE 260 Children's Literature	3	_____
ANALYTICAL REASONING	3	_____	EDU 214 Preparing Teachers to Use Technology	3	_____
PHIL 102 or 114			EDU 220 Principles of Educational Psychology	3	_____
NATURAL SCIENCE	6-7	_____	EDU 280 Valuing Cultural Diversity	3	_____
(Two courses from the following, one must include a lab): ANTH 102; AST; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 105 or above; ENV; GEOG 103, 104, 117; GEOL; PHYS			EDU 299 Education Portfolio	1	_____
HUMANITIES	6	_____	ELECTIVE (choose 1 credit)		
COM 101 and HIST 217			ECE 151 Math in the Preschool Curriculum	1	_____
FINE ARTS	3	_____	ECE 152 Science in the Preschool Curriculum	1	_____
ART; DAN 101; MUS; THTR			EDU 155 Literacy and the Young Child	1	_____
U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS	4-6	_____			
PSC 101; or HIST 101 and HIST 102; or HIST 111 and HIST 102					

VALUES AND DIVERSITY

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements. EDU 280 fulfills this requirement.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the "B" suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
 - Course numbers with the "H" suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit www.csn.edu/honors.
 - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
 - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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The following is a suggested pathway, or course sequence by term, for this academic program. The following factors may affect the time it takes to complete the pathway as listed:

- The term (fall, spring, summer) in which the student enters the program because class availability varies by term.
- Where the student placed in the Math and English course sequence (i.e. taking courses below 100) and completion of course pre-requisites.
- Meeting with the student's designated program counselor or advisor to determine academic readiness to succeed in a particular course. Use of appropriate services (writing center, math resource center, etc.) may be in order to support successful course completion.

First Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Gen. Ed. English Composition Requirement	ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5	
Gen. Ed. Mathematics Requirement	MATH 120; or 123 or above	3	
Gen. Ed. Humanities / Fine Arts Requirement	COM 101 Oral Communication ¹	3	
Special Program Core Requirements	EDU 214 Preparing Teachers to Use Technology	3	
	ECE 250 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	
Semester Total		15-17	
Second Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Gen. Ed. English Composition Requirement	ENG 102 or 114	3	
Gen. Ed. Natural Science Requirement	See degree sheet for course choices ²	3-4	
Special Program Core Requirements	EDU 280 Valuing Cultural Diversity	3	
	ECE 251 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3	
	ECE 252 Infant/Toddler Curriculum	3	
Semester Total		15-16	
Third Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Gen. Ed. Literature Requirement	ENG 223 or above	3	
Gen. Ed. US/NV Constitutions Requirement	PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics	4	
Special Program Core Requirements	EDU 220 Principles of Educational Psychology	3	
	ECE 260 Children's Literature	3	
Special Program Elective Requirement	See a counselor to select courses	1	
Semester Total		14	
Fourth Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Gen. Ed. Humanities / Fine Arts Requirement	See "Fine Arts" on degree sheet for course choices	3	
	See "Humanities" on degree sheet for course choices ³	3	
Gen. Ed. Analytical Reasoning Requirement	PHIL 102 or 114	3	
Special Program Core Requirements	EDU 299 Education Portfolio	1	
	ECE 232 Practicum: Infant and Toddler	3	
Gen. Ed. Natural Science Requirement	See degree sheet for course choices ⁴	3	
Semester Total		16	
Pathway Course Total		60-63	
Degree Total		60	

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¹Covers the "Humanities" portion of the General Education Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement.

²Take a natural science class with a lab.

³Under the "Humanities" heading on the General Education Requirements side, select from the choices that follow the sentence fragment "COM 101 and..."

⁴Take a non-lab natural science class.