

# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, AA

The Human Development and Family Studies prepares students to work with children, youth, and families in a variety of settings. The program is a study of theories and research of the human lifecycle, family systems, and the larger socio-economic environment. The Associate of Arts degree is designed to transfer to UNR. Students complete lower division courses at TMCC and then transfer to UNR to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in HDFS. Students are encouraged to obtain academic advisement from early childhood education faculty to facilitate the university transfer process.

## Outcomes

Students completing this degree will:

- Identify and describe elements of the developmental domains of the human lifecycle.
- Apply knowledge of human development, theory, and practices in practical settings.
- Demonstrate the scope of knowledge and skills required to gain entry into a baccalaureate degree program.

## Field Experience and Practicum Experience:

The HDFS Degree requires courses with field experience and practicum experience in early childhood classrooms with young children (birth to age five).

- Students must complete the practicum experience through TMCC.
- 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.
- Two semesters of practicum are required. Students must complete the practicum courses in two, consecutive fall and spring semesters, during the final year of the ECE program of study.
- Students must work with the practicum instructor to arrange a practicum schedule and placement site.

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university.

To earn an AA/AS 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/AS (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>English</i> <sup>1</sup>		3-6
Required:		
ENG 102	Composition II	
or ENG 114	Composition II For International Students	
<i>Fine Arts</i>		3
<i>Humanities</i>		3
Recommended:		
CH 203	American Experiences and Constitutional Change	
<i>Mathematics</i>		3
MATH 120	Fundamentals of College Mathematics (or higher)	
<i>Science</i>		6
Required:		
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
<i>Social Science</i>		
Required:		
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
<b>Additional College Requirements</b>		
<i>Diversity</i> <sup>4</sup>		[3]
<i>U.S. &amp; Nevada Constitutions</i>		[3]
Recommended:		
CH 203	American Experiences and Constitutional Change	
<b>Degree Requirements</b> <sup>2</sup>		
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab <sup>3</sup>	3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
<b>Emphasis Requirements</b>		
ANTH 101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
BIOL 105	Introduction to Neuroscience	3
COM 101	Oral Communication	3
CPD 116	Substance Abuse-Fundamental Facts and Insights	3
PSY 233	Child Psychology	3
WMST 101	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
Total Units		60-63

<sup>1</sup> If you place into ENG 102 or ENG 114 you will need an additional 1 unit elective.

<sup>2</sup> A student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better, and a minimum grade of "C" must be earned in each of the degree and emphasis requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Students must complete the practicum experience through TMCC.

<sup>4</sup> Satisfied through emphasis requirements.

1st semester	Units	
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
<b>Emphasis</b> <sup>6</sup>		3
<i>English</i> <sup>1,6</sup>		0-3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3

Mathematics <sup>6</sup>		3
Semester Total		15
<b>2nd semester</b>		
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
Emphasis <sup>6</sup>		3
English <sup>1</sup>		0-3
Fine Arts <sup>5</sup>		3
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
Semester Total		15
<b>3rd semester</b>		
Emphasis <sup>6</sup>		6
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
Semester Total		15
<b>4th semester</b>		
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab	3
Emphasis <sup>6</sup>		6
Humanities/U.S. and Nevada Constitutions <sup>6</sup>		3
Science <sup>5</sup>		3
Semester Total		15
Total Units		60

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

<sup>6</sup> See program recommendations or requirements.