

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES EMPHASIS

The Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in 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.

Degree 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 setting.
- 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.

General Education Requirements

<i>English</i> ¹	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>		
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PSY 101	General Psychology	3
Additional College Requirements		
<i>Diversity</i> ⁴		[3]
<i>U.S. & Nevada Constitutions</i>		[3]
Recommended:		
CH 203	American Experiences and Constitutional Change	
Degree Requirements ²		
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab ³	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
Emphasis Requirements		
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

- ¹ If you place into ENG 102 or ENG 114 you will need an additional 1 unit elective.
- ² 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.
- ³ Students must complete the practicum experience through TMCC.
- ⁴ Satisfied through emphasis requirements.

Course	Title	Units
1st semester		
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
Emphasis ⁶		3
English ^{1,6}		0-3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
Mathematics ⁶		3
Semester Total		15
2nd semester		
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
Emphasis ⁶		3
English ¹		0-3
Fine Arts ⁵		3
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	3

SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
Semester Total		15
3rd semester		
Emphasis ⁶		6
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
Semester Total		15
4th semester		
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab	3
Emphasis ⁶		6
Humanities/U.S. and Nevada Constitutions ⁶		3
Science ⁵		3
Semester Total		15
Total Units		60

⁶ See program recommendations or requirements.

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