

AA, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. TMCC has transfer agreements (<https://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/transfer-students/transfer-agreements/>) with the following institutions.

- University of Nevada, Reno

The Associate of Arts, Early Childhood Education is designed to serve students either as a stand-alone associate degree, or as a university transfer degree. The transfer option allows students to complete specific lower division courses at TMCC and obtain an Associate of Arts degree in early childhood education; and then transfer to UNR as a junior to complete a bachelor of science degree in human development and family studies. Students are encouraged to obtain academic advisement from early childhood education faculty to facilitate the university transfer process.

Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

- Demonstrate competence in the knowledge and skills defined in the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation (ECADA) Standards for Initial and Advanced Early Childhood Professional Preparation Programs.
 - Promoting Child Development and Learning
 - Building Family and Community Relationships
 - Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families
 - Using Developmentally Effective Approaches
 - Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum
 - Becoming a Professional
- Demonstrate proficiency as a preschool teacher in an early childhood program.
- Demonstrate the scope of knowledge and skills required to gain entry into a baccalaureate degree program.

The AA in *Early Childhood Education* at TMCC is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, www.naeyc.org (<http://www.naeyc.org/>). The accreditation term runs from July 2016 through July 2023.

Field Experience and Practicum Experience:

All ECE degrees require courses with field experience and practicum experience in early childhood classrooms with young children (birth to age five). Field experiences and practicum experiences are focused student teaching experiences that require the student to demonstrate specific skills in an early childhood classroom with young children.

- 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.

Accreditation

The Early Childhood Education, AA is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation (ECADA).

NAEYC/ECADA
1313 L St. N.W. Suite 500
Washington DC 20005
800-424-2460, Extension 8007

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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
General Education Requirements		
<i>English</i>		3-6
Must include ENG 102 or ENG 114 ¹		
<i>Fine Arts</i>		3
<i>Humanities</i>		3
Recommended:		
CH 203	American Experiences and Constitutional Change	
<i>Mathematics</i>		3
Required:		
MATH 120	Fundamentals of College Mathematics (or higher)	
<i>Science</i>		6
Required:		
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	
<i>Social Science</i>		3
Required:		
PSY 101	General Psychology	
Additional College Requirements		
<i>Diversity</i>		
Required:		
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	[3]
<i>Foreign Language</i>		0

*U.S. and Nevada Constitutions*³ [3]

Recommended:

CH 203 American Experiences and Constitutional Change

Degree Requirements²

ECE 204 Principles of Child Guidance 3

ECE 250 Introduction to Early Childhood Education 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 231 & 231 Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab and Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab⁴ 4

Emphasis Requirements:

ECE 130 Infancy 3

ECE 190 Professionalism in Early Care and Education 3

ECE 200 The Exceptional Child 3

ECE 210 Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children 3

ECE 245 Practicum Seminar⁴ 2

ECE 251 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education 3

Total Units 60-63

¹ If you do not place into ENG 102 or ENG 114 you will complete the degree with three additional units (63 units overall.)

² Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better, and a minimum grade of "C" must be earned in each degree and emphasis requirement.

³ Course may also count toward degree requirements. Please consult with Academic Advisement.

⁴ Students must complete the practicum experience through TMCC.

1st semester	Units
ECE 190 Professionalism in Early Care and Education	3
ECE 250 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ENG 101 Composition I or ENG 113 or Composition I for International Students	3
HDFS 201 Lifespan Human Development	3
Mathematics ⁶	3
Semester Total	15

2nd semester	Units
ECE 130 Infancy	3
ECE 204 Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 210 Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	3
HDFS 232 Diversity in Children	3
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology	3
Semester Total	15

3rd semester	Units
ECE 200 The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 231 Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab	2
ECE 251 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3

HDFS 202 Introduction to Families	3
NUTR 121 Human Nutrition	3
PSY 101 General Psychology	3
Semester Total	17

4th semester	Units
ECE 231 Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab	2
ECE 245 Practicum Seminar	2
Fine Arts ⁵	3
Humanities/U.S. and Nevada Constitutions ⁶	3
Science ⁵	3
Semester Total	13
Total Units	60

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

⁶ See program recommendations or requirements.