

# AA, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

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 Human Development and Family Studies emphasis 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 to facilitate the university transfer process.

## Outcomes

Students completing this degree will:

1. Investigate the historical, cultural, and theoretical contexts of the science of human development.
2. Define and examine characteristics of diverse families and family systems.
3. Demonstrate understanding of the physical, cognitive and social-emotional developmental domains of the human lifecycle.
4. Demonstrate skill in oral and written communication related to the study of Human Development.

## 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.

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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
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>English</i> <sup>1</sup>		3-6
Required		
ENG 102 or ENG 114	Composition II 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>		3
Required:		
PSY 101	General Psychology	
<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
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
Elective Requirements		
Choose 18 units of electives. <sup>1</sup>		18
ANTH 101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
BIOL 105	Introduction to Neuroscience	
COM 101	Oral Communication	
CPD 116	Substance Abuse-Fundamental Facts and Insights	
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab <sup>3</sup>	
EDU 208	Students with Diverse Abilities and Backgrounds <sup>5</sup>	
PSY 233	Child Psychology	
WMST 101	Introduction to Women's Studies	

WMST 250	Introduction to Feminist Theory	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>
<sup>1</sup>	If you place into ENG 102 or ENG 114 you will need an additional 3 units electives.	
<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 elective requirements.	
<sup>3</sup>	Students must complete the practicum experience through TMCC.	
<sup>4</sup>	Satisfied through emphasis requirements.	
<sup>5</sup>	EDU 208 requires prerequisite of EDU 203.	
<b>1st semester</b>		<b>Units</b>
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
Electives <sup>6</sup>		3
English <sup>1,6</sup>		0-3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
Mathematics <sup>6</sup>		3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>2nd semester</b>		
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
Electives <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
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>3rd semester</b>		
Electives <sup>6</sup>		6
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>4th semester</b>		
Electives <sup>6</sup>		9
Humanities/U.S. and Nevada Constitutions <sup>6</sup>		3
Science <sup>5</sup>		3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

<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.