

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

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

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:**

- 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 learners' 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.

ALL CSN COURSES TRANSFER; HOWEVER, THOSE WITH "B" SUFFIXES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT TRANSFER TO NSC, UNLV, AND UNR. IN SUBJECT AREA LISTED BELOW WHERE SPECIFIC COURSE NUMBERS ARE NOT LISTED, CONSULT A COUNSELOR/ADVISOR TO ENSURE TRANSFERABILITY OF ALL COURSES.

Courses with "G" suffixes are designated Honors level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (35 Credits):**

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>ENGLISH:</b> ENG 100 or 101 or 113 and 102 or 114	6-8	_____
<b>LITERATURE:</b> ENG 223 or above	3	_____
<b>FINE ARTS:</b> ART, DAN 101, Music, THTR	3	_____
<b>HUMANITIES:</b> COM 101 and HIST 217	6	_____
<b>ANALYTICAL THINKING:</b> PHIL 102	3	_____
<b>MATHEMATICS:</b> MATH 120, 123 or above	3	_____
<b>LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES:</b> (Two courses from the following, one must include a lab): AST, BIOL, CHEM 105 or above, ENV, GEOG 103, 104, 117, GEOL or PHYS	7	_____
<b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b> PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102	4-6	_____

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (29 Credits):**

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>ECE 232</b> Practicum: Infant and Toddler	4	_____
<b>ECE 250</b> Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	_____
<b>ECE 251</b> Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3	_____
<b>ECE 252</b> Infant/Toddler Curriculum	3	_____
<b>ECE 260</b> Children's Literature	3	_____
<b>EDU 210</b> Nevada School Law	2	_____
<b>EDU 214</b> Preparing Teachers to Use Technology	3	_____
<b>EDU 220</b> Principles of Educational Psychology	4	_____
<b>EDU 280</b> Valuing Cultural Diversity	3	_____
<b>EDU 299</b> Education Portfolio	1	_____

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Total Credits

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.