

**Special Education**

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 60

DEGREE CODE: ECESPEC-AA

**DESCRIPTION**

This degree is designed to provide for the first two years of college preparation for students wanting to become special education teachers, and/or who plan to become a paraprofessional (Instructional Aide).

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Apply the dimensions of multicultural education to support appropriate pedagogical practices for teaching diverse students in Special Education.
- Select technology tools for integration across the curriculum in Special Education.
- Synthesize the major theoretical perspectives and methods of educational psychology to teaching, learning, and schooling in Special Education.
- Choose formative and summative techniques for evaluation and modification with group and individual instruction and learning strategies in Special Education.
- Evaluate the historical, legal, and philosophical foundations and issues related to contemporary Special Education.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (34 CREDITS)****MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

MATH 120 or above

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

**LITERATURE (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

**ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

**NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)**

(Two courses from the following, one must include a lab)

ANTH 102; AST; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 105 or above; ENV; GEOG 103, 104, 117; GEOL; PHYS

**HUMANITIES (6 credits)**

Required: COM 101 and HIST 217

**FINE ARTS (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 48 for courses

**U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)**

PSC 101; or HIST 101 and HIST 102; or HIST 102 and HIST 111

**VALUES AND DIVERSITY**

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements. EDU 280 fulfills this requirement.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (26 CREDITS)****CORE REQUIREMENTS (15 credits)**

EDU 203	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDU 210	Nevada School Law	2
EDU 214	Preparing Teachers to Use Technology	3
EDU 220	Principles of Educational Psychology	3
EDU 280	Valuing Cultural Diversity	3
EDU 299	Education Portfolio	1

**ELECTIVES (choose 11 credits)**

See a counselor to select transferable credits

**FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN**

Add more semesters to modify this plan to fit part-time student needs.

**FIRST SEMESTER**

	Credits
Complete AA/AB/AS English Composition p. 47	3-5
Complete Mathematics (see courses this page)	3
COM 101 Oral Communication	3
EDU 203 Introduction to Special Education	3
EDU 214 Preparing Teachers to Use Technology	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>15-17</b>

**SECOND SEMESTER**

	Credits
Complete AA/AB/AS English Composition p. 47	3
Complete AA/AB/AS Natural Science (No Lab - see courses this page)	3
Complete AA/AB/AS US/Nevada Constitutions <sup>1</sup> p. 48	4-6
EDU 210 Nevada School Law	2
EDU 280 Valuing Cultural Diversity	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>15-17</b>

**THIRD SEMESTER**

	Credits
HIST 217 Nevada History	3
Complete AA/AB/AS Literature p. 47	3
Complete AA/AB/AS Natural Science <sup>2</sup> (With Lab - see courses this page)	3-4
EDU 220 Principles of Educational Psychology	3
Complete Electives (see courses this page)	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>15-16</b>

**FOURTH SEMESTER**

	Credits
Complete AA/AB/AS Analytical Reasoning p. 47	3
Complete AA/AB/AS Fine Arts p. 48	3
EDU 299 Education Portfolio	1
Complete Electives (see courses this page)	8
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>15</b>

**DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS**..... 60-65

<sup>1</sup>PSC 101 completes this requirement at 4 credits. If you choose the HIST option, complete HIST 101 or 111 in the 2nd semester and HIST 102 in the 4th semester.

<sup>2</sup>Only BIOL 122 Desert Plants completes this requirement at 3 credits and is only offered in the spring semester.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
  - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit [www.csn.edu/honors](http://www.csn.edu/honors).
  - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
  - 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.

