

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

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

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

- Recognize the dimensions of multicultural education, and demonstrate knowledge of the appropriate pedagogical practices for teaching diverse students.
- Demonstrate use of computers, programs and software, the internet and technological tools for the integration of technology across the school curriculum.
- 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 within the instructing and learning strategies.
- Explain the historical, legal, and philosophical foundations, setting, problems, complexities, and issues related to contemporary special education.

Courses with “H” suffixes are designated Honors level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements.

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

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (28 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, 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, ENV, GEOL, PHYS	7	_____
<b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b> PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102	4-6	_____

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>EDU 203</b> Introduction to Special Education	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	_____
<b>ELECTIVES: (12 Transferable Credits)</b>	12	_____

SEE A COUNSELOR TO SELECT COURSES

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ECESPEC-AA **63** 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.



**Guided Pathway  
Associate of Arts (AA) Special Education Emphasis  
Total Credits – 63**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Required Credit Hours</b>	<b>Course Choice</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDU 214 Preparing Teachers to use Technology	3		
EDU 203 Intro to Special Education	3		
Mathematics MATH 120	3		
English ENG 101	3		
Humanities COM 101	3		
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS</b>	<b>15</b>		
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS</b>			
<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Required Credit Hours</b>	<b>Course Choice</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDU 210 Nevada School Law	2		
EDU 280 Valuing Cultural Diversity	3		
ELECTIVE Transferable Credits-See a Counselor to select courses	3		
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English ENG 102	3		
Life and Physical Sciences Elective	3		
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS</b>	<b>17</b>		
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS</b>			
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>Required Credit Hours</b>	<b>Course Choice</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDU 220 Principles of Educational Psychology	4		
Humanities HIST 217	3		
Literature ENG 223 or above	3		
ELECTIVE Transferable Credits-See a Counselor to select courses	3		
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<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS</b>	<b>16</b>		
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS</b>			
<b>Fourth Semester</b>	<b>Required Credit Hours</b>	<b>Course Choice</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDU 299 Education Portfolio	1		
US/Nevada Constitution PSC 101	4		
Fine Arts ART, Dan 101, Music, THTR	3		
Analytical Thinking PHIL 102	3		
Life and Physical Sciences Elective with Lab	4		
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS</b>	<b>15</b>		
<b>Degree TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>		
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS</b>			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>			