



WHERE TO START?

We welcome first-time, transfer, and post-baccalaureate students to begin or advance your exciting teaching career at Nevada State College! Follow these steps for a seamless journey:

- 1 BE ADMITTED to Nevada State College. Visit nsc.edu/apply to complete your application.
- 2 DEMONSTRATE a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (teacher education) across 24-credit hours or more.
- 3 PASS the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) exam or the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).
- 4 APPLY to the Teacher Preparation Program by contacting the SoE at 702-992-2515 or soe@nsc.edu.
- 5 COMPLETE your required coursework with the minimum GPAs above.
- 6 ENTER YOUR CLASSROOM with one of these dynamic degrees or certifications!



EARLY CHILDHOOD & EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION



BE THE FIRST EDUCATOR IN THEIR YOUNG LIVES

Nevada State College is excited to introduce the first undergraduate Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education (EC/ECSE) dual licensure program in Nevada! Students who complete this degree will be eligible to work with children ages birth-8 with and without developmental delays and disabilities. The program prepares students to become knowledgeable and skilled teachers who utilize theory, research, and pedagogy, to develop instructional strategies that provide quality learning opportunities for ALL of Nevada's children. Possible career pathways include being a licensed preschool-second grade teacher, childcare center director, childcare worker, and licensed special education teacher.

Nationally, the need for preschool teachers is projected to grow by 10% between 2016-2026. This is faster than the average for all other occupations.



OUR MISSION

The Nevada State College School of Education's mission is to prepare highly qualified, culturally responsive professionals. We accomplish this through effective pedagogy, state-of-the-art technology, clinical experiences, scholarly inquiry, and community partnerships. Our graduates are critical thinkers who contribute to a global, democratic society.



FEATURED FACULTY

Youngae (Young) Choi, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education

Specialized in STEM in early childhood, multilingualism, children and teacher identity.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1 A VALUABLE AND UNIQUE DUAL LICENSE PROGRAM

The students will be able to apply for two teaching licenses in both Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education (EC/ECSE) for young children (birth-8) with and without developmental delays and disabilities.

Considering the great need of EC/ECSE teachers in CCSD and beyond, teacher candidates with the dual license will be welcomed in the job market. In CCSD, more than 40% of teaching vacancies are in special education.

2 INNOVATIVE COURSES THE FIRST IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

The degree includes a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) course in which teacher candidates will learn play-based and inquiry-based STEAM curriculum and pedagogy. This is the first STEAM learning for EC/ECSE teacher candidates in the state of Nevada.

The degree includes a social emotional learning course in which teacher candidates will learn SEL strategies that can be used to build strong social relationships, emotion regulation, and develop compassion and empathy among children.

3 BENEFIT FROM EXPERIENCES IN DIVERSE REAL-WORLD CONTEXTS PRIOR TO STUDENT TEACHING

Two EC/ECSE internship courses are designed to enhance teacher candidates' professional knowledge, skills, dispositions, and effective implementation of instructional strategies in an EC/ECSE infant-toddler, preschool, and/or early childhood special education settings.

EDUCATION TAILORED TO YOU

The School of Education (SoE) is a student-centered institution serving the entire state of Nevada. Each of our programs is designed for both traditional and non-traditional students like you, seeking a high-quality, hands-on pathway to complete a bachelor's degree and obtain teaching licensure. We offer a variety of formats including in-person, hybrid, and online courses. Whether you are working full time, supporting your family, or attending college for the first time, our faculty and staff work one-on-one with you to achieve graduation and certification on a timeline that meets your unique personal needs. Whether you live in Southern or Northern Nevada, we deliver coursework directly to you as part of our two-plus-two partnerships with your local community college campus with seamless transitions to complete your degree. We are committed to equipping you, a vitally-needed future teacher, with the skills to BE A LEADER in your career and community.

