

# Transfer Student Guide: Pima Community College

## Early Childhood Education (Bilingual and ESL Endorsement Options) ▶▶▶

### ADMISSIONS

The University of Arizona requires a Professional Admissions application to earn entry into the College of Education’s professional teacher preparation majors. The application should be completed while applying for transfer admission to the university or students may transfer as a pre-early childhood education major and apply for professional admission in a future semester.

### IN ADDITION TO COMPLETION OF THE AGECA OR AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE, THE FOLLOWING PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSES ARE REQUIRED FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMISSION:

| PIMA COURSES  | COMPLETION STATUS AT TIME OF APPLICATION  | UARIZONA COURSES  |
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| <u>Foundational Math</u><br>Math 142 (or higher)  | Must be completed*  | Math 106, or 107 (106 preferred)  |
| <u>Math for Elementary Teachers</u><br><b>Math 148</b><br>(The College of Education will accept Math 147 if needed)                 | Preferred:<br>completed/enrolled at Pima prior to beginning program                       | <u>Understanding Elementary Math I</u><br><b>Math 302E</b><br>(The College of Education will accept 302B if needed)                 |
| <u>Inclusion of Young Children with Special Needs</u><br><b>ECE 211</b><br>(The College of Education will accept EDU 202 if needed) | Optional  | <u>Survey of Exceptional Students</u><br><b>TLS 375</b><br>(The College of Education will accept SERP 400 if needed)                |
| <u>U.S. &amp; AZ Constitution</u><br><b>POS 210</b>   | Preferred:<br>completed at PCC towards AGEC, Permitted: at UA during professional program | <u>U.S. &amp; AZ Constitution</u><br><b>POL 210</b>   |
| <u>Foundations of Early Childhood Education</u><br><b>ECE 118</b>   |   | <u>Foundations of Early Childhood Education</u><br><b>TLS 320</b>   |
| <u>4th Semester Proficiency Second Language+</u><br>Choice of combination of CLEP exam, AP credit, or course completion through 202 | Required: 2nd semester must be completed  | <u>4th semester proficiency Second Language+</u><br>Choice of combination of CLEP exam, AP credit, or course completion through 202 |

\* If applying for Fall professional admission, foundational Math must be completed with a grade of C or better and students must complete at least one course from MAT 146 or 148 before beginning the professional program.

+ Must be in on single language; those wishing to become fluent in Spanish beyond 4th semester, and teach dual language classroom can pursue Bilingual endorsement.

Visit [education.arizona.edu/transfer-students](https://education.arizona.edu/transfer-students) to learn more.

Identify your UA COE major advisor at <https://bit.ly/meet-your-advisor> or 520-621-7865.

This information is provided as a transfer guide and does not constitute as academic advising. This is not intended for current University of Arizona students. Please see an advisor to discuss any non-UA coursework. Program requirements are subject to change.



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
**College of Education**

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS APPLICATION PROCESS

The Professional Admission application is used to ensure all eligible students meet coursework requirements by the application deadline. To be a qualified applicant, students should focus on strong overall academic performance and volunteer work within the grade level and environment they intend to teach. **Applications are due the second Friday of February by 4 p.m.** to begin the program in the following fall semester.\*

### PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING SELECTION CRITERIA:

#### Grade Point Average

Program applicants are required to demonstrate a strong GPA (minimum 2.5; 3.0 preferred), but all applicants are considered and reviewed holistically and on a case-by-case basis. Demonstrating a GPA below 2.5 does not necessarily indicate ineligibility for the program; speak with a UA COE advisor to learn more.

#### Foundation Coursework

Students should be approaching junior standing (60 units) by the end of the semester in which they are applying. AGEC or its equivalent should be completed and includes the following completed coursework:

- ▶ WRT 101 and WRT 102
- ▶ 2nd semester of second language

Applicants should complete the following courses prior to application. If these courses remain in progress during the time of application, students may be admitted conditionally pending completion of this course with a grade of C or higher.

- ▶ MAT 142 or higher: Foundational math
- ▶ At least one course from MAT 146 or 148

#### Experience & Recommendations

Applicants will need to submit two completed recommendation forms, which can be found at [tinyurl.com/UACOERecForm](http://tinyurl.com/UACOERecForm). This form should be used to document the student's 60 total hours.

- ▶ 30 hours in the Tucson area in public, district schools, grades K-3
- ▶ 30 hours in birth through pre-Kindergarten classrooms, including public and/or private schools, in- and out-of-state. Hours completed to satisfy hour requirements for courses can be used.

#### Fingerprint Clearance Requirement

Applicants must provide a copy (front and back) of their Arizona IVP fingerprint clearance card at the time of admission. If you do not have this card, visit <https://education.arizona.edu/fingerprint-clearance-requirement>.

#### Essay

Describe your experience working with children and/or youth in educational settings that serve young people and explain why you want to work in your chosen profession. This should be a 500-750 word essay that outlines some of the work you have performed with children, including activities you have participated in or directed. It should summarize your overall experience and motivations for your intended profession in teaching young children.

*(Optional) Additional Essay:* If your GPA is below the required 2.50 and/or you are missing any application requirements, please prepare an additional essay addressing the circumstances that have affected your GPA/ability to complete all application requirements by the deadline. *Ask your UA COE advisor if you are unsure about completing this essay.*

#### Maintain Good Academic Standing

Students must be admitted to the University of Arizona and be in good academic standing (UA GPA of 2.0 or higher) at the beginning of the semester in which they intend to begin their upper-division courses.

\*Late application may be available in May for fall admittance. Please consult with UA College of Education advisor.