Early Childhood Education
Paraeducator
Associate in Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T)
94-96 Credits

Paraeducators are a valuable asset for teachers in providing support and assistance in instruction and other direct services to students, and in helping to ensure a positive, safe, and supportive learning community. Based on the Washington State Paraeducator standards, the program provides students with the training needed to work as effective members of instructional teams. Core competencies covered in this program prepare paraeducators to effectively support and extend instruction and services, thereby increasing student learning. These core competencies revolve around the areas of instructional strategies, behavior management, and human growth and development. The coursework is offered partially online, as well as in the classroom, drawing on the expertise of local professionals and schools.

Through advising, the student can match their practicum placements and a portion of their course work to early childhood, elementary or secondary education with an emphasis in special education, ESOL classrooms, and other specialized populations.

This is a dual-purpose degree program that is intended to prepare students for employment as paraeducators with transfer options to specific baccalaureate degree programs. * Students who wish to explore other transfer options in Teacher Education should contact Project TEACH, a pre-service teacher preparation program designed to provide future teachers with a seamless pathway to a teaching career through partnership with local schools. Projects TEACH provides classes designed specifically for future K-12 teachers.

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Musc& 105  Music Appreciation 5  

**Social Science**  
- Anth& 100 or Survey of Anthropology or  
- Anth& 206 Cultural Anthropology 5  
- Psyc& 100 General Psychology 5  

**Natural Science**  
- Biol& 100 or Survey of Biology or  
- Geol& 101 Introduction to Physical Geology 5  

**Health Education**  
HI Ed 150  Total Wellness 5  

**Program Core:**  
- ECE 101 or Introduction to Early Childhood Education or  
- Educ& 205 Introduction to Education with Field Experience 5  
- Educ 102 Computers in Education 3  
- Educ 130 Guidance and Discipline 3  
- Educ 140 Health, Safety and Nutrition 3  
- Educ 190 The Role of the Paraeducator 2  
- Educ 194 Special Topics: School Orientation 1  
- Educ 195 Special Topics: Alcohol and Drug Awareness 1  
- Educ 196 Special Topics: Test Administration and Scoring 1  
- Educ 200 Curriculum Development in Literacy 2  
- Educ 245 Challenging Behaviors in Young Children 2  
- Educ 293 Issues of Child Abuse 2  
- Educ& 115 Child Development 5  
- Educ& 204 Exceptional Child 5  
- Educ 210 Assisting Practicum 6  
- Educ 240 Multicultural/Anti-Bias Issues in Education 3-5  
- Electives Any ECE, Edec, Educ 5  

# Satisfies general education requirements.

* **NOTE:**  
  1. You must consult with an appropriate advisor to obtain information on specific requirements of the receiving baccalaureate institution.  
  2. Some courses may have prerequisites. See course catalog for descriptions.

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