



## Early Childhood Education Paraeducator

Associate in Applied Arts  
108-110 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 ProjectTEACH, a pre-service teacher preparation program designed to provide future teachers with a seamless pathway to a teaching career through partnership with local schools. ProjectTEACH provides classes designed specifically for future K-12 teachers.

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<u>Dept./No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>Basic Skills Requirements</b>		
# Engl 110	College Writing	5
<b># Select one 5-credit course from the following:</b>		
Math 102	Pre-Calculus 1	(5)
Math 107	Contemporary Math	(5)
Math 156	Finite Math for Business & Social Science	(5)
Math 157	Calculus for Business & Social Science	(5)
Math 170	Number Theory for Elementary Teachers	(5)
<b>Humanities/Fine Arts</b>		
Art 100	Introduction to Art	5
# Comm 101 <b>or</b> Comm 110	Basic Speech Communication <b>or</b> Interpersonal Communication	5
Music 100	Music Survey	5
<b>Social Science</b>		
Anthr 100 <b>or</b> Anthr 202	Introduction to Anthropology <b>or</b> Principles of Sociocultural Anthropology	5
Psych 100	General Psychology	5
Soc 110	Survey of Sociology	5
<b>Natural Science</b>		
Biol 100	Introduction to Biology	5
Geol 101	Physical Geology	5



**Health Education**

HI Ed 150	Total Wellness	5
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**Program Core**

Ece 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education <b>or</b>	
Edu 170	Introduction to Education	5
Edec 102	Computers in Education	3
Edec 110	Child Development	5
Edec 130	Guidance & Discipline	3
Edec 140	Health, Safety & Nutrition	3
Edec 160	Art for Children	3
Edec 190	The Role of the Paraeducator	2
Edec 193	The Exceptional Child	3
Edec 194	Special Topics	1
Edec 195	Special Topics: Alcohol & Drug Awareness	1
Edec 196	Special Topics: Test Administration & Scoring	1
Edec 200	Curriculum Development in Literacy	2
Edec 245	Challenging Behaviors in Young Children	2
Edec 293	Issues of Child Abuse	2
Edec 294	Special Topics: Supervision & Staff Management	3
Edec 295	Special Topics: Children's Theatre	5
Edu 210	Assisting Practicum	6
Edu 240	Multicultural/Anti-Bias Issues in Education	3-5

# Satisfies related instruction 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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