



Early Childhood Education Paraeducator Associate in Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T) 93-94 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.

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Dept./No.	Course Title	Credits
Basic Skills Requirements (5 credits)		
# ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5
#Select one 5-credit course from the following:		
MATH& 107	Math in Society	(5)
MATH& 141	PreCalculus I	(5)
MATH 147	Finite Mathematics-Business and Social Science	(5)
MATH& 148	Business Calculus	(5)
MATH& 171	Math for Elementary Education I	(5)
Humanities (15 credits)		
ART& 100	Art Appreciation	5
# CMST& 220	Public Speaking	5
MUSC& 105	Music Appreciation	5
Social Science (10 credits)		
ANTH& 100 or	Survey of Anthropology or	
ANTH& 206	Cultural Anthropology	5
PSYC& 100	General Psychology	5

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**Natural Science (5 credits)**

BIOL& 100 or GEOL& 101	Survey of Biology or Introduction to Physical Geology	5
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Program Core (53-54 credits)

ECED& 105 or EDUC& 205	Introduction to Early Childhood Education or Introduction to Education with Field Experience	5
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECED 112	Technology in Education	3
ECED& 180	Language and Literacy Development	3
ECED& 190	Observation and Assessment	3
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
EDUC& 130	Guiding Behavior	3
EDUC 191	The Role of the Paraeducator	3
EDUC& 204	Exceptional Child	5
# EDUC 210	Assisting Practicum	6
EDUC 245	Challenging Behaviors in Young Children	2
EDUC 293	Issues of Child Abuse	2
Electives	Any ECED and EDUC	8-9

*** 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.