

EDUCATION - PARAPROFESSIONALS

Education paraprofessionals perform duties that are instructional in nature or that deliver direct services to students or parents. Paraprofessionals serve in positions for which a teacher or another professional has ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of educational programs and services. Substitute teaching opportunities may also be available.

A combination of general education requirements, selected education-related courses, and suggested electives will lead to an associate of arts degree with a concentration in paraprofessional education.

Schools require a criminal background check prior to employment. Students will be required to submit a background check prior to completing any classroom field experience. Individuals with a criminal record may not be eligible for employment as an educator. Please check with advisor.

Suggested Program of Study for Associate of Arts Degree (2 years)

FIRST YEAR

First Semester	
Course	Credits
ENGL 1010 English Composition I*	3
PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology*	3
Fine Arts and Language*	3-4
Social Science*	3
EDUC 1110 Introduction to Professional Education	3
	<u>15-16</u>

Second Semester	
Course	Credits
COMM 1110 Public Speaking*	3
MATH 1010 Math for Elementary Teachers	3
History*	3
English/Literature*	3
EDUC 2070 Family and Community Relationships	3
	<u>15</u>

SECOND YEAR

First Semester	
Course	Credits
EDUC 1100 Human Relations in a Pluralistic Society OR SOCI 2150 Exploring Unity and Diversity	1-3
EDUC 2000 Educational Psychology	3
Elective(s)**	10
	<u>14-16</u>

Second Semester	
Course	Credits
ECED 2050 Children with Exceptionalities	3
Natural Science*	4-5
Elective(s)**	9
	<u>16-17</u>
Total Credit Hours	60-64

To earn an associate of arts degree, a student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 60 semester hours that include the general education requirements.

*See general education requirements.

**Recommended electives: ECED 1150 Introduction to Early Childhood Education, EDUC 2250 Children's Literature, MATH 1015 Geometry for Elementary Teachers, SIGN 1000 Conversational Sign Language, or a second history, science, or fine arts course of a different focus than first taken.

Sixty credit hours and evidence of Human Relations training (*verified through documentation of relevant work experience, successful completion of EDUC 1100 Human Relations in a Pluralistic Society, SOCI 2150 Exploring Unity and Diversity, or Human Relations coursework taken from a four-year institution*) will meet the requirements to apply for local substitute teaching certification from the Nebraska Department of Education. Check online at www.education.ne.gov/tcert/ for more information.