

PARA EDUCATOR/EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION PARA EDUCATOR/EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

The Certificate of Completion Para Educator/Educational Assistant is a one-year certificate that prepares students to work in public or private elementary and secondary schools. Para Educators/educational assistants serve in positions for which a teacher or another professional has ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of educational programs and services. Emphasis is placed on competency-based skill development in child growth and development, classroom management, technology, individuals with disabilities, working with families, and basic instructional techniques.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate appropriate strategies and techniques to provide instructional support to students of diverse populations.
- Demonstrate attitudes and behaviors that are appropriate in meeting the needs of diverse populations.

- Apply best practices in classroom management to optimize the potential for student learning.
- Apply technology to support teaching, learning and communication.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to take the college placement test to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the college placement test scores.

Students should meet with an advisor to evaluate professional experience and previous coursework prior to beginning this course of study. All students are required to obtain a valid First Aid and CPR card.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 47 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or

better. One course must be completed at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion Para Educator/Educational Assistant is awarded.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE

Southwestern is required by federal regulations to disclose information related to Southwestern's educational programs that lead to gainful employment in a recognized occupation. This information is intended to provide students the opportunity to measure employment outcomes associated with Southwestern's certificate programs.

Gainful employment information can be found online at socc.edu/images/ge/paraeducator.html.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITES	CIS90 (2) Computer Basics (or demonstrate proficiency)	WR90 (3) Paragraph Fundamentals (or placement test score)	Reading Score of ASSET42 COMPASS81	MTH20 (4) Basic Mathematics (or placement test score)	
FALL = 16 CREDITS	ED101 (3) Intro. and Observation and Experience ¹	ED258 (3) Multicultural Education	ED113 (3) Instructional Strategies in Language and Reading ²	MTH60 (4) Algebra I ³	ED169 (3) Overview of Students with Special Needs
WINTER = 16 CREDITS	ED114 (3) Instructional Strategies in Math and Science ¹	WR121 (3) English Composition	BA285 (3) Human Relations in Organizations	ED133 (3) Instructional Media and Materials ¹	CIS120 (4) Concepts of Computing
SPRING = 15 CREDITS	ED130 (3) Comprehensive Classroom Management ¹	ED131 (3) Instructional Strategies ¹	ED266 (3) Current Issues in Special Education ¹	ED270 (3) Practicum ²	HDFS229 (3) Development in Middle Childhood
47 CREDITS = TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT					

PROGRAM NOTES

¹This course is offered through Chemeketa Community College as part of a collaborative agreement between Southwestern and Chemeketa. ECE150 may be substituted for ED101.

²A criminal history check is required prior to enrollment in ED270. This course is offered through Chemeketa Community College's distance education.

³MTH65, MTH82, MTH95 or higher may be substituted for MTH60.