

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT: Paraprofessional Specialization**  
**Associate of Applied Science Degree****AL, LO, MA**

*Purpose:* The curriculum prepares prospective and practicing paraprofessionals (Assistant Teachers, Instructional Assistants, and Public Health Training Assistants) in the public school system to assist in classroom instruction. This specialization provides knowledge and skills for those paraprofessionals giving supportive instruction to school-age children.

<b>Two Years</b>		<b>Credits</b>
<b>1st Semester</b>		
CHD	117 Introduction to Reading Methods	3
CHD	121 Childhood Educational Dev. I	3
EDU	100 Introduction to Education	1
CHD	216 Early Childhood Programs, School, and Social Change	3
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
PSY	235 Child Psychology	3
SDV	Elective	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>2nd Semester</b>		
CHD	109 Movement and Music Education for Children	3
CHD	122 Childhood Educational Dev. II	3
CHD	125 Creative Activities for Children	3
CHD	146 Math, Science, and Social Studies for Children	3
ENG	112 College Composition II	3
MTH	151 Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>3rd Semester</b>		
EDU	225 Audiovisual Materials and Computer Software	3
CHD	230 Behavior Management for School-Age Children	3
CHD	210 Intro. to Exceptional Children	3
HLT	110 Concepts/Pers. & Comm. Health	3
SOC	215 Sociology of the Family	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>4th Semester</b>		
CHD	298 Seminar and Project	3
EDU	155 Parent Education	3
EDU	160 Tech./Observation in Early Ed.	3
HIS	261 Topics in Cultural Ethnicity	3
<sup>1</sup> PED	116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	1
<sup>1</sup> PED/RPK		1
SPD	229 Intercultural Communication	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>

**Total credits for the A.A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Development – Paraprofessional Specialization = 67.**

<sup>1</sup> The PED requirement may be met by one of the following options: PED 116, 2 cr.; PED 116, 1 cr. plus a PED activities course, 1 cr.; or PED 116, 1 cr. plus RPK activities course. PED 116 is offered as both a 1-credit and a 2-credit course.