

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT:**

**Paraprofessional Specialization**

Associate of Applied Science Degree

**AL, LO, MA**

*Purpose:* The curriculum is designed to prepare prospective and practicing paraprofessionals (Assistant Teachers, Instructional Assistants, and Public Health Training Assistants) to assist in public or private school 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	118 Language Arts for Young Children	3
CHD	120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
CHD	145 Teaching Art, Music, and Movement to Children	3
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
PSY	235 Child Psychology	3
SDV	Elective	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>2nd Semester</b>		
CHD	119 Introduction to Reading Methods	3
CHD	165 Observation/Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings	3
CHD	225 Curriculum Development for School-Age Child Care	3
CHD	230 Behavior Management for School-Age Child Care	3
ENG	112 College Composition II	3
<sup>1</sup> PED	116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	1
<sup>1</sup> PED/RPK	Elective	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>3rd Semester</b>		
CHD	146 Math, Science, and Social Studies for Children	3
CHD	210 Introduction to Exceptional Children	3
CHD	216 Early Childhood Programs, School, and Social Change	3
EDU	225 Audiovisual Materials and Computer Software	3
EDU	235 Health, Safety and Nutrition Education	3
<sup>2</sup> ___	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>4th Semester</b>		
CHD	265 Advanced Observation/Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings	3
CHD	270 Administration of Child Care Programs	3
CHD	298 Seminar and Project (Portfolio)	1
CST	100 Principles of Public Speaking	3
<sup>3</sup> MTH	151 Math for Liberal Arts I or Laboratory Science Elective	3-4
<sup>4</sup> ___	Social Science Elective	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>16-17</b>

**Total credits for the A.A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Development with a Paraprofessional Specialization = 67- 68**

<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.

<sup>2</sup> Humanities/fine arts elective may be selected from the humanities/fine arts courses listed under General Education Electives.

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<sup>3</sup> The laboratory science elective may be selected from biology, chemistry, physics, geology, or natural science courses with a lab component, listed under General Education Electives. Some four-year colleges require a two-semester sequence.

<sup>4</sup> The social science elective may be selected from the social/behavioral sciences courses listed under General Education Electives.