

# 265001 PARAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION – BLENDED EARLY CHILDHOOD OPTION

C			E			R			1ST YEAR		
			FALL SEMESTER			Online	Credit Hours	Prerequisites			
			3100:103	Natural Science: Biology Lecture/Lab (note a.)			4				
			3300:111	English Composition I			3	Placement by advisor			
			3350:100	Introduction to Geography			3				
			3400:250, 3400:251 3700:100	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History since 1877 or Government & Politics in the U.S.			4 or 3				
			7400:265	Child Development			3				
							17 Total				
			SPRING SEMESTER								
			3150:101	Chemistry for Everyone Lecture/Lab (note a.)			4				
			3300:112	English Composition II			3	3300:111			
			3450:145 3470:250	Algebra for Calculus or Statistics for Everyday Life Lecture/Lab			4	Placement by advisor			
			5550:211 5550:212	First Aid & CPR or First Aid & CPR for Professional Rescuers			2				
			7600:106	Effective Oral Communication			3				
							16 Total				
C			E			R			2ND YEAR		
			FALL SEMESTER			Online	Credit Hours	Prerequisites			
			5100:200	Intro to Education (note b.)			3	13-15 sem. hrs. of specific Gen. Ed. courses FBI/BCI checks			
			5100:220	Educational Psychology (note b.)			3	13-15 sem. hrs. of specific Gen. Ed. courses FBI/BCI checks; 5100:200 (pre- or co-req.)			
			5500:245	Understanding Language Literacy & Phonics (note b.)			3	3300:112; 5100:200/220 (coreq.)			
			5610:225	Intro to Exceptionalities (note b.)			3	13-15 sem. hrs. of specific Gen. Ed. courses FBI/BCI checks; 5100:200 (pre- or co-req.)			
			5610:439	Collaboration w/Families and Professionals in Early Childhood			3	5610:225 or Permission			
							15 Total				
			SPRING SEMESTER								
			2650:295	Field Experience for Education Paraprofessionals			2	Permission of Program Coordinator			
			5200:215	The Child, the Family and the School			3	5100:220; 5610:225			
			5500:286	Teaching Multiple Texts			3	5500:245			
			5610:450	Special Educ. Programming in Early Childhood (note b.)			3	5610:225 or Permission			
			5610:467	Management Strategies in Special Education (note b.)			3	5610:225 or Permission			
							14 Total				
C = Completed E = Exempt R = Required							<b>TOTAL CREDITS - 62</b>				

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## NOTES

- a. Eight credits of natural science are required for the Paraprofessional Education – Blended Early Childhood program. 3100:103 Natural Science: Biology lecture/lab (4 crs.) or a higher level human biology course and 3150:101 Chemistry for Everyone or a higher level chemistry course are required.
- b. 5100:200/220 are foundation courses in education. They can be taken simultaneously with 5500:245 & 5610:225. These must be taken before all remaining professional education courses.

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Paraprofessionals are education assistants who have special training to work in public and private schools. They provide instructional support to individuals and small groups of students, assist teachers with modifications and accommodations for students, assist with the implementation of behavior plans, and monitor students within a variety of educational settings. In addition, they are critical members of an educational team who collect data on students for progress monitoring and collaborate with teachers to ensure educational services are consistent across settings and personnel.

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Paraprofessional Education candidates will study how children develop and learn, how to support students with diverse learning needs within their school settings, the historical foundation of education, and how to effectively collaborate with teachers and other related services personnel. Field observations, service learning projects, and a field experience similar to student teaching offer students meaningful opportunities to integrate and apply classroom lessons.

The associate degree provides immediate employability, making it possible to work in a school setting while pursuing additional educational options. The curriculum enhances employability by integrating classroom learning with meaningful practicum experiences. The program serves as a pathway to the Bachelor's degree program for students interested in obtaining licensure as an Early Childhood educator.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Associate of Applied Science degree in Paraprofessional Education is available to students who have been admitted to The University of Akron Wayne College.

### Wayne College admission requirements include:

1. High School or GED diploma;
2. All students (provisional and standard) pursuing an associate degree will be directly admitted to Wayne College.

### Admission requirements for the Paraprofessional Education associate degree include:

1. 3300:111 English Composition I (3);
2. 7600:105 Introduction to Public Speaking (3), or 7600:106 Effective Oral Communication (3);
3. A Natural Science course (3);
4. A Social Science course (3);
5. Current BCI and FBI checks;
6. Apply to the Paraprofessional Education program via online application and recommendation form.

Upon successful completion of the AAS degree and a GPA of 2.5 or better with a grade of C or better in required education (5000) courses, the student is eligible to apply for admission to the College of Education through the Intercollege Transfer (ICT) process. Students must make an appointment with an advisor through the Student Services Office at Wayne College to initiate an Intercollege Transfer.