

PARAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION265000 Early Childhood

(Requirements effective Fall Semester 2009)

C	E	R		<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Prerequisites</u>
—	—	—	3100:103 Natural Science: Biology Lecture/Lab (Note a.)	4	
—	—	—	3300:111 English Composition I	4	Placement by adviser
—	—	—	3300:112 English Composition II	3	3300:111
—	—	—	3350:100 Introduction to Geography	3	
—	—	—	3400:250 U.S. History to 1877	4	
			or		
—	—	—	3400:251 U.S. History since 1877	4	
			or		
—	—	—	3700:100 Government & Politics in the U.S.	4	
—	—	—	3450:140 Fundamentals of Mathematics for Primary Educators	3	Placement by adviser
—	—	—	3450:240 Mathematical Foundations for Early Childhood Educators	3	3450:140
—	—	—	5100:200 Introduction to Education (Note b.)	3	Permission; 5100:220 (coreq.)
—	—	—	5100:220 Educational Psychology (Note b.)	3	Permission; 5100:200 (coreq.)
—	—	—	5200:395 Field Experience Paraprofessional (Note b.)	2	Permission of Program Coordinator
—	—	—	5500:230 Educational Technology (Note b.)	3	Permission; 5100:200 (coreq.)
—	—	—	5500:245 Understanding Language Literacy & Phonics (Note b.)	3	3300:112; 5100:200/220 (coreq.)
—	—	—	5610:225 Introduction to Exceptionalities (Note b.)	3	Permission; 5100:200 (coreq.)
—	—	—	5610:450 Special Educ. Programming in Early Childhood (Note b.)	3	5610:225 or Permission
—	—	—	5610:459 Coll./Consultation in Schools & Communities (Note b.)	3	5610:225 or Permission
—	—	—	7400:265 Child Development	3	
—	—	—	7400:270 Theory and Guidance of Play	3	
—	—	—	7600:106 Effective Oral Communication	3	
—	—	—	Natural Science Requirement	4	
—	—	—	Physical Education/Wellness	1	
—	—	—	Technical Studies electives (Note c.)	4	Consultation with Program Coordinator

TOTAL CREDITS - 65**C = Completed E = Exempt R = Required****NOTES:**

- Eight credits of natural science are required for the Paraprofessional Education – Early Childhood program. 3100:103 Natural Science: Biology lecture/lab (4 crs.) or a higher level human biology course is required. See the General Education requirements at <http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/univcoll/guides/>, or consult the program coordinator or an academic adviser for acceptable alternatives for the remaining four credits of this requirement.
- 5100:200/220 are foundation courses in education. They can be taken simultaneously with 5500:230, 5500:245, & 5610:225. These must be taken before all remaining professional education courses.
- Two Technical Studies electives are required. These electives may be special topics courses designed for the associate degree or from diversity studies. Based upon student's interests and programming, please consult with the Paraprofessional Education Program Coordinator to determine which Technical Study elective(s) to pursue.

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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. Placement tests in English and mathematics to bypass developmental courses, or completion of 3300:111 and 3450:145 with a C or better;
2. Pass BCI background check;
3. Completion of a Speech and Hearing Test;
4. Two written character references.

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 adviser through the Student Services Office at Wayne College to initiate an Intercollege Transfer.