

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Educational Studies: General Certificate of Achievement



To provide an additional pathway to an education-related career, this certificate is designed for students interested in an education/ teaching-related career who prefer online classes and/or cannot always attend traditional face-to-face classes due to employment, marital status, family responsibilities, distance, and expenses incurred with traditional education schedules. All certificate classes are online (asynchronous, not zoom based).

The certificate serves as a career ladder approach to a credential or permit or as a stand-alone entity to document that a student has taken coursework related to subject matter proficiency and has acquired skills for successful employment as a teacher's aide, after-school program assistant, tutoring or other paraprofessional level classroom career.

This certificate is especially appropriate for students following various pathways to classroom teaching or education-related career:

1. Aspiring paraprofessional teacher aides,
2. The aspiring paraprofessional or the currently employed paraprofessional teacher-aide seeking a career ladder approach to a teaching credential and/or child development permit,
3. The teacher- aide paraprofessional who has decided against pursuing an AA and/or credential or permit but would like to acquire knowledge and skills relevant to serving as a teacher assistant or support staff in a classroom or school or related environment/ and or professional development,
4. Teacher preparation for students on a transfer pathway for a BA or Credential who also desire certificate recognition in Educational Studies and/or
5. Independent tutors, seeking a certificate to augment and recognize their training and expertise.

It is expected that upon completion of the certificate students will be able to:

1. Work effectively with students, teachers, parents, colleagues, and administrators in a school and classroom setting.
2. Apply knowledge, skills, and experience to make an informed choice to be employed or to continue study in the field of education.
3. Apply the certificate towards entry into a teaching credential or child development permit program, and/or the certificate may serve to document the acquisition of knowledge and skills relevant for employment as a teacher assistant or support staff in a classroom, school, or related environment.

Possible Employment / Illustrative Examples

Teacher Assistant, especially appropriate for transitional Kindergarten (TK) through grade -6, or higher grades remedial; Tutor, Homework Assistant, Assistant in academic enrichment programs; Recreation Specialist; Nanny; Entry-level position requiring practical skills and knowledge to work with persons with disabilities in a variety of educational settings. This certificate may support (depending on course selection) the requirements of federal legislation that all paraprofessionals/instructional assistants/aides in Title I schools be "highly qualified"; work with k-12 students in an after-school setting; test preparation assistant or provider (CBEST, CSET, SAT, remedial, ISSE).

For optimum course selection it is important that students consult with a Counselor to confirm specific course alignment with desired plans (employment, transfer options, credential, and permit).

Required Courses: 12.5 units

EDUC C200 - The Teaching Profession (3.5 units)

EDUC C103 - Intro to Computers in Education: Technology Proficiencies for Teachers (2 units)

PSYC 116 or PSYC 118 - Child Growth and Development or Life Span Developmental Psychology (3 units)

EDUC C180 - School, Family, Community Partnerships (3 units)

EDUC C104 - Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Diverse Contemporary Classrooms (1 units)

Electives: minimum 5.5 units

EDUC C101 - Tutor Training (1 units)

EDUC C210 - Introduction to Special Education (3 units)

ENGL C143 - Children's Literature (3 units)

HLTH C100 - Personal Health (3 units)

MATH C104 - Math for Elementary School Teachers (3 units)

Geometry C106 - Geometry for Elementary School Teachers (3 units)

EDUC C211 - Media Literacy Toolkit for Teachers (3 units)

HSVC C100 - Introduction to Human Services (3 units)

Various Language Courses other than English, plus American Sign Language: ARAB C180, ARAB C185, CHIN C180, CHIN C185, FREN C180, FREN C185, FREN C280, FREN C285, JAPN C180, JAPN C185, SIGN C180, SIGN C185, SPAN C180, SPAN C180A, SPAN C180B, SPAN C185, SPAN C280, SPAN C285, VIET C160, VIET C180, VIET C185

Total Required Units: 18