

Paraeducator

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The Paraeducator Certificate program offers the training necessary to become an Instructional Assistant or, with additional coursework, a licensed teacher in public schools. This 51-credit program is endorsed by the Oregon Department of Education as evidence of having met the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind) for instructional assistants. Students who complete the certificate may then work toward an Associate of General Studies degree (see requirements on page 52). Completion of this degree enables you to transfer to Portland State University or Oregon State University, where you may complete a Bachelor of General Studies/ Liberal Arts degree and then apply to a postgraduate teacher licensing program. Students interested in attending Western Oregon University, George Fox University, or Concordia University should contact Counseling and Career Services 503.399.5120 or Education Program staff for advising.

The Paraeducator Certificate is a statewide program. Students not residing in the Chemeketa district may complete some or all of the certificate requirements at their local community college; you may transfer your local coursework to Chemeketa and complete the remaining certificate requirements through our distance education program.

Students pursuing the Paraeducator Certificate take a core of required courses including both general education and education-specific courses. The general education component assures that the candidate has a foundation of basic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and technology. The Education component offers instruction in basic teaching strategies, human relations, communication, and non-instructional support skills. Students also participate in a worksite practicum.

Program outcomes

Students completing the certificate will:

- Demonstrate appropriate strategies and techniques to provide instructional support to students of diverse populations.
- Demonstrate attitudes and behaviors that are appropriate in meeting the needs of diverse populations.
- Apply best practices in classroom management to optimize the potential for student learning.
- Apply technology to support teaching, learning and communication.

Getting started

The first step to entering this program is to take part in an assessment process, which includes taking the college's free placement test and meeting with an advisor from Counseling and Career Services. You may need to complete pre-program courses. Then, your advisor will help you develop an individualized program of study, which may include one or more of the following:

CIS101 Introduction to Microcomputer Applications.....	3
MTH060 Introductory Algebra	4
RD090 College Textbook Reading	3
WR115 Introduction to Composition	3

If you have questions about the requirements, call Counseling and Career Services at 503.399.5120 or 503.399.5048. Failure to be assessed may delay your entry into program classes.

Paraeducator Certificate of Completion

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the certificate program listed below are books, \$1043; class fees, \$241; student services fee, \$25.50; universal fee, \$306; measles vaccine, \$10; criminal records check, \$54. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

The paraeducator certificate is awarded upon successful completion of the 51 required credit hours listed below. Included in the 51 credit hours are 13 credit hours of general education coursework and 38 credit hours of education program requirements. Please note that if your placement test scores suggest that you have met some or all of the general education requirements, you and your advisor may select electives appropriate to your career goals to reach the 51 credit certificate requirement. Students should consult with the paraeducator certificate advisor, Malia Stevens, (503.399.2694 or malia@chemeketa.edu) for approval before enrolling in elective classes.

You may earn a Certificate of Completion by successfully completing these 51 required credit hours with a grade of "C" or better in all education courses:

Paraeducator general education requirements (13 credit hours):

Course	Title	Credit Hours
CIS101	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications (or higher).....	3
MTH060	Introductory Algebra+*	4
RD090	College Textbook Reading*	3
WR115	Introduction to Composition+*	3

Paraeducator core requirements (38 credit hours):

ED100	Introduction to Education	3
ED113	Instructional Strategies for Language Arts	3
ED114	Instructional Strategies for Math and Science.....	3
ED130	Classroom Management	3
ED131	Instructional Strategies	3
ED169	Overview of Students with Special Needs.....	3
ED200	Foundations of Education	3
ED229	Learning and Development+	3
ED235	Education Technology.....	3
ED254	Instructional Strategies for ELL Students.....	3
ED258	Multicultural Education.....	3
ED271	Practicum 2.....	5

*Paraeducator electives:

ED209VI-V4	Advanced Education Practicum.....	3-6
ED210	Professional Portfolio	3
ED213	Advanced Instructional Techniques in Language Arts.....	3
ED214	Advanced Instructional Techniques in Math and Science.....	3
ED256	Bilingual Methodology.....	3
ED266	Current Issues in Special Education.....	3
ED269	Educating the Mildly and Severely Disabled.....	3
ED270	Practicum 1	3

+Meets related instruction requirement.

*Students whose Asset/Compass scores indicate a more advanced placement may substitute electives approved by their advisor.

