



Teacher Paraprofessional C.C.

Career Community: Education

Curriculum Code: 0829

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

Purpose of the Major

The certificate offers a foundation in educational concepts and a practical introduction to classroom management and content-area instruction. It is intended for students who may have already met federal requirements for teacher paraprofessionals by completing 60 college credits or an associate degree in a field other than education. It is also recommended as preparation for students who plan to take the state-approved exam for paraprofessionals. Courses in this certificate may also be applied toward an associate degree or transfer program leading to teacher certification.

Milestone

Completion of EDUC 280 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in this course is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in this course.

Additional Information

- Some transfer universities require a 3.0 or higher in EDUC courses.
- A criminal background check is required for employment in this field.

Contact Information

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Social Science and Humanities Department, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 2203, telephone number 517-483-1061, or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building – StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

Major Required Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CHDV 123	Literacy and Play	1 / 1
EDUC 226	Foundations of Literacy	3 / 3
EDUC 230	Exceptional Learners	3 / 3
EDUC 280	Teacher Education Practicum	3 / 3

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice - *Select nine credits*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTS 240	Art for Elementary Teachers	3 / 4
CHDV 100	Foundations Early Childhood Ed	3 / 3
CHDV 122	Creativity and Play	1 / 1

Course Code	Course Title	Credit/ Billing Hours
CHDV 124	Young Investigators: Math/Sci	1 / 1
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Foundations of Education	3 / 3
ENGL 208	Children's Literature	4 / 4
GEOG 200	World Regional Geography	4 / 4
ISCI 121	Physical Science Concepts	4 / 6

Minimum Total Credit Hours

19 credits / 19 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I
EDUC 226
EDUC 280 – Milestone course
Limited Choice
Semester II
CHDV 123
EDUC 230
Limited Choice
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