

Paraprofessional, CAS

Academic Year 2026-2027

Program Description:

The Paraprofessional Program is a one-year certificate consisting of 36 credit hours. This certificate program is designed to prepare students to assist preschool through third grade teachers in the classroom as paraprofessionals. It is also designed to meet the West Virginia Department of Education requirements.

Career Outlook:

For the most current information, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics “Occupational Outlook Handbook” found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

Program Outcomes:

- Prepare students to become competent support professionals in a classroom setting.
- Collaborate with teachers and school personnel to provide academic, behavioral, and individualized support to enhance student learning.

Salary Forecast:

For the most current salary information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics “Occupational Outlook Handbook” found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

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Paraprofessional, CAS – Major Code CP81

Name:

ID Number 942-

Educational Counselor:

Faculty Advisor:

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
ART 101	Intro to Visual Art		3				
COM 112	Oral Communication		3				
EDUC 102	Foundations of Elementary Education	F	3				
EDUC 120	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	F	3				
ENL 101	Written Communication ¹		3				
MAT 120 or MAT 130	Applied Professional Math ³		3				
			18				
EDUC 200	Level I Clinical Experience ⁴	S	1				
EDUC 201	Educational Psychology ⁴	S	3				
EDUC 225	Development of Young Children ⁴	S	3				
EDUC 228	Early Childhood Special Education	S	3				
EDUC 230	Early Language and Literacy	S	3				
ENL 102	Written Communication II ²		3				
HIST 104	US History Since 1877		3				
			19				
	Hours Required for Graduation		37				

¹ ENL 101 has a prerequisite of ACT 18, SAT 480+, or Accuplacer 250-300 or placed in ENL 101E. Students must complete ENL 101 or ENL 101E with a "C" or better to graduate.

² ENL 102 has prerequisite of a "C" or better in ENL 101.

³ MAT 120 has a prerequisite of Accuplacer 250+ Math, minimum ACT Math score of 19 or SAT Math score of 510. Students who anticipate completing a bachelor degree in Elementary Education are recommended to complete MAT 130 in place of MAT 120.

⁴ EDUC 200 and EDUC 201 are co requisites