

**THIS IS A CAREER DEGREE.  
IT IS NOT DESIGNED TO TRANSFER TO A FOUR YEAR UNIVERSITY.**

**Danville Area Community College  
2014-2015**

**Education: Early Childhood - Paraprofessional Option**  
Associate in Applied Science Degree

The Early Childhood – Paraprofessional Option prepares students to work in early childhood classrooms within school districts. Upon initial enrollment in the program students must complete an "Application to Participate" form (see NOTE). Students must meet DCFS requirements in order to complete the practicum. Some courses are offered alternate years. Please refer to course descriptions.

*First time degree seeking students must complete INST101, Success in College, as a requirement for graduation.*

REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS	F,S,I,SU	GRADE
<b>First Semester</b>			
**EDUC 103 Introduction Early Childhood Education	3		
**EDUC 206 Cultural Effects on Child Development.	3		
* ENGL 121 Communication Skills <u>OR</u> * ENGL 101 Rhetoric I	3		
* PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology	3		
EDUC 207 Children's Literature	3		
Total	15		
<b>Second Semester</b>			
EDUC 104 Creative Learning Experiences	4		
* SPCH 101 Oral Communication	3		
**EDUC 208 Language Development	3		
PEMW 150 Elementary Games	2		
**PSYC 101 Child Development (pre or concurrent: PSYC 101)	3		
Total	15		
<b>Third Semester</b>			
**EDUC 101 Nature of the Teaching Profession	3		
EDUC 160 Guiding Children	2		
EDUC 260 Health/Nutrition Young Children	2		
**EDUC 270 Education of the Exceptional Child	3		
Education Elective	3		
* Science <u>OR</u> Math Elective	3		
Total	16		
<b>Fourth Semester</b>			
EDUC 225 Internship in Education (pre: consent of instructor)	4		
EDUC 226 Internship in Seminar (pre: concurrent enrollment in EDUC 225)	1		
Education Elective	3		
* Humanities Elective	3		
SOCY 100 Introduction to Sociology	3		
Total	14		
Total Hours	60		

\* General Education.

See list of Human Relations requirements.

Enrollment in developmental classes may increase the length of time it takes to complete an associate degree.

**\*\*Students completing observation hours may be required to complete state and federal criminal background checks, depending upon where they are doing their observations. Students completing the practicum for Early Childhood Education or the Practicum for the Paraprofessional or Teaching Assistant programs are required to complete both the federal and state background checks.**

NOTE: Entry into the program is determined through the evaluation of personal qualifications and verification that the student meets the requirements to work in the field.