Early Childhood: Paraprofessional
Career Program at Danville Area Community College

Paraprofessionals provide instructional and clerical support for classroom teachers, allowing teachers more time for lesson planning and teaching. Paraprofessionals tutor and assist children in learning class material using the teacher’s lesson plans, providing students with individualized attention. They may also assist and supervise students in the cafeteria, schoolyard, or on field trips. Most perform a combination of instructional and clerical duties. This program is not designed to transfer to a senior institution.

Program Specific Courses Include:
- Child Development
- Role of the Paraprofessional
- Children’s Literature
- Nature of the Teaching Profession
- Language Development
- Health/Nutrition Young Children
- Elementary Games
- Guiding Children
- Internship in Education
- Internship Seminar
- Intro. to Early Childhood Education
- Cultural Effects on Child Development
- First Aid and CPR for Young Children
- Creative Learning Experiences
- Marriage and the Family
- Education/Exceptional Child
- Children’s Literature
- Internship in Education
- Issues in Exceptionalities
- Role of the Paraprofessional Practicum

* Students will be required to submit to a criminal background check. A criminal record may bar a student from employment in childcare.

Job/Employment Information:

Positions You are Trained for: Teaching assistant, instructional aide, paraeducator, and paraprofessional.

Where Can You Find a Job? Schools, (public and private) and libraries.

Expected Salary Range: $18,700-$33,417. Earnings vary by region, work experience, and academic qualifications. For the most current salary information visit www.ilworkinfo.com.

Visit our website at www.dacc.edu or contact us at 217-443-DACC (3222) for more information. TDD/TTY 217-443-8701.
STEPS TO REGISTER:
1. Application  
2. Placement Test  
3. Register

WAYS TO PAY:
1. Pay in full with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard  
2. Student Financial Aid. Eligibility must be determined by payment due date.  
3. FACTS Payment Plan. (Interest Free!)  
4. Apply for Athletic and/or Academic Scholarships.  
5. Employer paid or other third party payment such as JTP, TAA, etc.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC COURSES:
Check out the DACC website under www.dacc.edu to find out what specific courses you will be taking for this program of study.

Courses are offered in many different formats to meet individual schedules: Day, Evening, Weekend, Traditional, Online, Video or Interactive Video.

WHO TO CALL:
Admissions/Registration ....................................... 443-8800  
Advisement/Counseling ................................. 443-8750  
Assessment Center ......................................... 443-8708  
Bookstore ................................................................. 443-8759  
Career Services Center ..................................... 443-8597  
Child Development Center .............................. 443-8833  
Financial Aid ........................................................... 443-8761  
GED/ESL/Adult Ed ................................................. 443-8782  
General Information ........................................... 443-3222  
Orientation .............................................................. 443-8750  
Student Support Services .................................... 443-8853

Please come visit the DACC Campus!  
Call 443-8750 to schedule a tour.

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