Special Education Paraeducator/ Instructional Assistant AA

**Program Learning Outcomes**
1. Analyze state and federal legislation pertaining to general and special education.
2. Use a variety of instruction strategies and materials that respect individual differences.
3. Understand how culture affects relationships among children, families, and schooling.

**Entry**
- ** Required Courses**:
  - ECE 124 Child Development and Psychology
  - PSYCH 122 Psychology in Modern Life
  - SPEDU 101 Introduction to Disabilities
  - SPEDU 102 Historical Perspectives of Disabilities and the Law
  - SPEDU 103 Classroom Strategies for the Special Education Paraeducator

- **Take 2 units**
  - COMM 128 Introduction to Job Skills and Pre-Professional Program
  - SPEDU 295 Internship in Occupational Work Experience Education in SPEDU

- **Take 2**
  - COMM 128 Introduction to Curriculum in Education
  - ECE 123 Principles of Early Childhood Education
  - ECE 125 Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education
  - EDUC 120 Introduction to Teaching in Elementary Schools
  - ECE 269 Children with Special Needs
  - ECE 126 Health, Safety, and Nutrition for the Young Child

- **Sign Language**
  - SIGN 280 American Sign Language (ASL) I
  - SIGN 281 American Sign Language (ASL) II
  - SIGN 282 American Sign Language (ASL) III

**Careers in**
- Education
- Rehabilitation setting

You need to see a Counselor for specific recommendations about courses that will best meet your educational goals. Not all courses on the map are offered every term. Consult the Catalog and the Schedule of Classes for more details.

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