# **Paraprofessional Educator**

Technical Certificate (T.C.)

This technical certificate prepares students for employment in paraprofessional positions in many Arkansas public schools. Completion of the courses that make up the Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood Education prepares students to sit for the Child Development Associate exam. Holding this certification also allows students employment in Arkansas public schools as a paraprofessional.

## Program Goal

- 1. Students will articulate what it means to be a teacher.
- 2. Students will become better educators of Arkansas students.

## Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

- PLO 1. Student will able to express her/his own philosophy of education.
- PLO 2. Student knows what schools and education systems are.
- PLO 3. Student has beginning skills and knowledge that are used in a learning environment.
- PLO 4. Student can participate in rich professional, critical talk.
- PLO 5. Student knows Arkansas schools and communities.
- PLO 6. Student knows Arkansas students and their families.
- PLO 7. Students commits herself/himself to being an advocate for quality education.

## **General Information**

- Developmental coursework may be required in addition to the courses required for this degree and/or certificate(s).
- A [P] indicates that a prerequisite is required before the course can be taken. Refer to the prerequisites table listed below the degree plan or the course description in the College Catalog to determine the prerequisite.

## **General Requirements**

- This certificate requires successful completion of **33** credit hours.
- A minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average is required for graduation.

## **Residency Requirement**

The student is required to complete a minimum of 15 semester hours in residence at SAU Tech for associate degrees and technical certificates and half of the credit hours required for certificates of proficiency as well as complete all other graduation requirements. Students who wish to pursue additional degrees must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours of difference between the degrees.



#### **Developmental Coursework**

L	Course Number	Course Title	Required	Enrolled	Completed
L	ENGL 0121	Composition I Lab			

#### Fall Semester (13 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title	Enrolled	Completed
<sup>1</sup> ED 1003	N/A	Foundations of Early Childhood Education		
<sup>1</sup> ED 1313	N/A	Child Health, Safety & Nutrition		
<sup>1</sup> ED 1323	N/A	Policies and Procedures		
ED 2011	N/A	ECE Field Experience		
ENGL 1113	ENGL 1013	Composition I [P1]		

#### Semester II (15 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title	Enrolled	Completed
EDUC 2003	N/A	Intro to Education & Field Exp I		
IEC 2003	N/A	Child Growth & Development		
HS 2413	N/A	First Aid & CPR for Educators		
Choose three (3) ho				
ED 2013	N/A	Early Childhood Practicum		
PSYC 2103	PSYC 2103	Developmental Psychology		
Choose three (3) ho	Choose three (3) hours from these courses:			
EDUC 2023	N/A	□K-12 Educational Technology		
MIS 1003	CPSI 1003	□ Introduction to Computers		

## Summer Semester (6 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title	Enrolled	Completed	
SPCH 1113	SPCH 1003	Principles of Speech [C1]			
Choose three (3) ho	Choose three (3) hours from these courses:				
MATH 1023	MATH 1103	College Algebra			
MATH 1063	MATH 1113	□ Math Reasoning			
Total Credit Hours: 34					

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<sup>1</sup> Indicates Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood Education (9 hours).

## PREREQUISITES

P1 Refer to SAU Tech Placement Plan.

#### **CO-REQUISITES**

C1 ENGL 1113 OR ENGL 1113 and ENGL 0121.

## ACTS Course Numbers

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. Students are guaranteed the transfer of applicable credits and equitable treatment in the application of credits for admissions and degree requirements. Go to <u>http://acts.adhe.edu</u> for more information.