

PARAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PATHWAY

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The following pathway is recommended for students who are interested in becoming Paraprofessional Educators in K-12 educational setting.

For more information on course selection or program-specific advising, contact the department co-chair or the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success. **General Education courses should be selected from the list of IAI General Education Courses.**

Note: Students who earn an A.G.S. and plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program may be subject to a line-by-line audit of their completed coursework to determine transferability.

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Semester One (Fall)		
EDN 101	Introduction to Education	3
EGL 101	Composition I	3
PED 101	First Aid	2
Hours		8
Semester Two (Spring)		
EDN 180	Diversity in School and Society	3
PED 102	Living With Health	2
EGL 102	Composition II	3
or EGL 111	or Introduction to Business and Technical Writing	
Hours		8
Semester Three (Summer)		
SPE 103	Effective Speech	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 111	United States History to 1877	
HIS 112	United States History from 1877	
PSC 101	American Government	
Hours		6
Second Year		
Semester One (Fall)		
EDN 210	Technology in Education	3
Select one of the following:		2
CAB 125	Word Processing Using Word	
CAB 225	Advanced Word Processing and Publishing	
CIS 111	Fundamentals of the Internet	
Select one of the following:		3-4
MAT 111	Business and Consumer Mathematics	
MAT 125	General Education Mathematics	
MAT 128	Foundations of Mathematics for Elementary Teacher I	
MAT 131	Elementary Statistics	
Hours		8-9
Semester Two (Spring)		
Select one of the following:		3-4
BIO 101	Introduction to Life Science	
BIO 103	A Survey of Ecology	
BIO 106	Introduction to Environmental Science ¹	
BIO 112	Essentials of Nutrition	
EAS 100	Introduction to Earth Science	
EAS 101	Physical Geology	
EAS 105	Introduction to Weather and Climate	
EAS 121	Physical Geography	

Select one of the following:		3
SOC 103	Social Problems ²	
SOC 230	Sociology of Sex and Gender ³	
SOC 232	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity ³	
Hours		6-7
Semester Three (Summer)		
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology ¹	
GEG 120	World Regional Geography ¹	
GEG 122	Cultural Geography ¹	
Select one of the following:		3
HUM 123	Introduction to Art	
HUM 125	Introduction To Music	
HUM 131	Introduction to Theater	
HUM 142	Women and Creativity ³	
HUM 160	Introduction to Film	
HUM 161	Global Cinema ¹	
Hours		6
Third Year		
Semester One (Fall)		
EDN/PSY 201	Educational Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 130	Introduction to Global Literature ¹	
EGL 131	Multicultural Literature in the U.S. ³	
EGL 132	LGBTQ+ Literature ³	
EGL 133	Women and Literature ³	
EGL 134	Introduction to African-American Literature ³	
EGL 135	Introduction to Native American Literature ²	
HUM 124	African-American Culture and the Arts ³	
HUM 127	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHL 130	Religious Diversity in America ³	
PHL 205	World Religions ¹	
Select one of the following:		3-4
SPE 125	Basic Sign Language	
ART 131	Drawing I	
ART 132	Painting I	
ART 134	Ceramics I	
ART 145	Watercolor I	
THE 103	Fundamentals of Acting	
Modern Language Course (202 ¹ or higher) ⁴		
Hours		9-10
Semester Two (Spring)		
EDN 280	Educating Exceptional Learners	3
Select one of the following:		3
BUS 110	Personal Finance	
MGT 106	Time and Stress Management	
MGT 117	Human Relations in the Workplace	
MGT 222	Conflict Management	
Select one of the following:		3
SPE 115	Interpersonal Communication Across Cultures	
SPE 126	Basic Sign Language II	
PSY 234	Family Systems and the Addictive Process	
PSY 238	Substance Use and Related Disorders	
Hours		9
Total Hours		60-63

Note: Pre-major is a recommended sequence and selection of courses. See Associate in General Studies (A.G.S.) page for degree requirements.

- 1 Course fulfills the Global Studies Requirement. At least one Global Studies course is required for degree completion.
- 2 Course fulfills both the Global Studies and U.S. Diversity Requirements.
- 3 Course fulfills the U.S. Diversity Requirement. At least one U.S. Diversity course is required for degree completion.
- 4 Transfer institutions may have a language requirement. Any Modern Language Intermediate II course can meet the Humanities and Global Studies requirements.