

EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL



Technical Certificate of Credit

The Education Paraprofessional technical certificate of credit is a series of courses designed to prepare students for a position as a paraprofessional in the public school system. The program emphasizes education theory and practical application competencies necessary for successful employment. Upon high school graduation, completers will be eligible to take the GACE Paraprofessional licensure exam to qualify to apply for a position as an entry-level paraprofessional in various educational settings.

Courses:

FALL SEMESTER	EDUC 2110	Investigating Critical & Contemporary Issues in Education
	EDUC 2120	Exploring Sociocultural Perspectives and Diversity in Educational Context
	EDUC 2130	Exploring Teaching and Learning
SPRING SEMESTER	EDUC 2210	Paraprofessional Internship
	EDUC 2220	Education Review

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

INTERNSHIP HOURS: Three courses (EDUC 2110, EDUC 2120, EDUC 2130) are scheduled for the fall semester and each course includes a total of 45 contact hours, 10 of which are embedded internship hours. The high school is required to assign a mentor teacher for students who will arrange an appropriate classroom experience for the completion of the internship hours.

INTERNSHIP CLASS: EDUC 2210 is the primary internship class that is taken in the spring semester. This internship class includes 135 contact hours. Students are assigned a mentor teacher by the school system who will select the appropriate classroom experience for the completion of the internship. This course contains specific assignments and observations that are outlined in the course's Blackboard Learning Management System. The College instructor will conduct periodic classroom observations and coordinate activities with the school system teacher in which the student is assigned.

BACKGROUND CHECK: Some school systems require background clearance for students to participate in internship experiences. This may be obtained at the local law enforcement office and requires a photo ID (typically a Georgia driver's license). If a driver's license is not available, you may acquire an official State Identification card through the Georgia Department of Driver Services. The background check may cost between \$10-\$20 and requires a form to be completed at the law enforcement office. Additionally, if the student is not 16 years old, a parent (legal guardian) may be required to sign the form. Background checks are only valid for 90 days.

GACE PARAPROFESSIONAL EXAM: Students must be 18 years old to take the GACE Paraprofessional Exam. Exams may be taken at Coastal Pines Technical College's Waycross, Jesup, and Brunswick Campus Location at the testing center for a fee of \$60 per examination. Register online at: <https://coastalpines.edu/economic-development/testing>

CONFIDENTIALITY FORM: All Education Students must sign a confidentiality form related the laws protecting student information and internship cell phone restrictions.