

PARA EDUCATION, AAS

Note: This degree is currently only offered at USD 501, Topeka Center for Advanced Learning & Careers (TCALC).

The Para Education program is designed to provide students with the skills needed to pursue a career in education. All students complete a well-rounded sequence of general education courses delivered by arts and sciences department faculty. The education core classes provide training in classroom management, leadership, and educational psychology. Students will engage in dedicated apprenticeship time throughout the program culminating in a teaching field experience in the final semester.

This program prepares graduates to immediately enter the workforce as a Para Educator. Students may also continue their education and earn a baccalaureate degree in elementary or secondary education, with 60 credits from the Para Education program counting towards the Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) available through the Washburn U - PTP: Paraprofessionals to Teachers program.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements stated below, students must complete all requirements for an Associate of Applied Science (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/programs-degrees-graduation-requirements/university-requirements-common-all-associate-degrees/>) degree, and any additional hours needed to reach the minimum 60 credit hours required for graduation. Completion of the courses below will fulfill general education requirements. Please see your advisor for more information.

Code	Title	Hours
Required General Education Courses		
CN 150	Public Speaking	3
EN 101	Introductory College Writing	3
HI 111	History of the United States through the Civil War	3
MA 112	Contemporary College Mathematics ¹	3
PO 106	The Government of the United States	3
Subtotal		15
Required Education Courses		
ED 155	Teaching, Learning, Leadership	3
ED 285	Educational Psychology	3
ED 165	Ed. 1, Examining Teaching as a Profession: Diversity 1, Literacy 1, Technology 1	3
ED 275	Ed. 2 Exploring Teaching as a Profession (Classroom Management 1, Diversity 2, Technology 2) Ed. 2	3
ED 290	The Whole Child	3
ED 302	Teaching Exceptional Learners	3
ED 335	Creative Experiences in Early Childhood Through Middle School	3
ED 474	Special Topics in Education	3
EDU 100	Introduction to Teaching Field Experience	1
Subtotal		25
Other Required Courses		
BI 106	Everyday Biology ¹	5

EC 100	Introduction to Economics	3
EN 200	Intermediate College Writing	3
GG 101	Introduction to Geography	3
or AN 112	Cultural Anthropology	
or SO 100	Introduction to Sociology	
or PY 100	Basic Concepts in Psychology	
or PY 209	Psychological Development through the Life-Span	
HI 100	Survey of Early World History	3
MU 100	Enjoyment of Music	3
Subtotal		20
Total Hours		60

¹ A substitute course may be approved by advisor if student is interested in secondary education. Please see advisor for more information.