

Paraprofessional Education Early Childhood AAS



Associate of Applied Science

Available Locations

Bottineau,
Minot,
Online,
Valley City

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Description of Program

DCB's paraprofessional education early childhood major prepares individuals to work with children in a variety of settings including daycare centers, preschool programs, home childcare, and schools. Students learn to plan activities that promote the physical, cognitive, social, and psychological development of children.

Why Study?

This is a great degree option for students who are looking to build their skills to one day work with students in Early Childhood Education, either in a daycare or preschool setting.

Career Choices

Students who successfully complete this degree option can apply for the Paraprofessional Certificate of Completion through the ND Department of Public Instruction (ND DPI). For more information about this credential, visit the ND DPI website at www.nd.gov/dpi.

First Year Experience

All new freshman students at Dakota College are required to enroll in [UNIV 105 First Year Experience](#). An exception to this requirement will be made for transfer students who have earned 24 college-level credits prior to attending or who have successfully completed a similar freshman orientation course for credit at another higher education institution. The course orients students to college and examines topics that are important for student success and positive student outcomes.

Digital Literacy Requirement

All associate degrees offered by Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) require students to meet the digital literacy standard as identified in SBHE Policy 461. Students may accomplish this requirement through any of the following instructional methods: successful completion of one of the courses outlined in the DCB Digital Literacy policy, or successful completion of a non-credit self-paced module, or successful completion of an approved course through the Dakota Digital Academy, or successful completion of this requirement at another North Dakota University System (NDUS) institution.

Freshman Year

Fall

Course Code	Title	Credits
	ENGL 110 or COMM 110	3.0
CSCI 101	Introduction to Computers	3.0
EC 210	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3.0
EDUC 101	Introduction to Para Education	1.0
SPED 101	Introduction to Developmental Disabilities	3.0
	Math Elective	3.0-4.0

Spring

Course Code	Title	Credits
EC 211	Observation, Assessment, and Interpretation Techniques	3.0
EC 233	Pre-K Methods & Materials	3.0
SPED 110	Introduction to Exceptional Children	3.0
	Wellness Elective	1.0-2.0
	Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science Elective	3.0

Sophomore Year

Fall

Course Code	Title	Credits
	ACCT/BADM/BOTE/SS Elective	3.0
EC 213	Language & Literacy in ECE	3.0
EC 236	Social/Emotional Development & Guidance	3.0
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3.0
UNIV 101	Leadership Through Service	1.0
	Fine Arts/Humanities Elective	3.0

Spring

Course Code	Title	Credits
	ACCT/BADM/BOTE/SS Elective	3.0
CARS 105	Job Search	1.0
EC 222	Administration & Leadership in ECE	3.0
EC 238	Home, School & Communication Relations	3.0
EDUC 297	Internship	1.0-6.0
	Lab Science Elective	4.0
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	3.0

	Total Credits	63-70
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Consult with program advisor for electives.