



### **Associate in Applied Science in Instructional Assistant, Special Education**

**2021-22 catalog years**

**Four-year plan for part time students**

**Description:** This degree is intended to prepare students to work as a paraprofessional or instructional assistant directly in a special needs environment. A paraprofessional will work directly under a certified teacher in a Pre-K to 12th grade classroom. Duties may include the assisting in the implementation of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), assessment, observations, use of technology and personalized curriculum. Students must communicate effectively with parents, students, service teams and teachers. The degree is not designed to transfer to another program but is to go directly to the workforce.

**Career Opportunities:** A wide variety of potential jobs with the associate degree only may include classroom assistant, classroom aide, and paraprofessional in a K-12 school district under a certified special education teacher. Salary ranges include \$16,000 for classroom assistant or aide, \$20,000 for paraprofessional.

**Transfer paths and requirements:** This program is not designed for students wishing to transfer to a four-year college for a bachelor's degree. Students planning to transfer should consult with an MCC counselor.

<b>YEAR 1 - FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Semester Offered</b>	<b>Comments</b>
ED 101B Introduction to Education	3	4	FWO	
ED 109A The Parent-Child Connection	3	4	FWO	
ENG 101 English Composition	3	4	FWSO	
Education Fieldwork hours				50
Total Credit Hours	9	12		

<b>YEAR 1 - WINTER SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Semester Offered</b>	<b>Comments</b>
ED 211A Behavior Management	3	4	WO	
Education Elective	3	4	FWSO	
BCOM 102 Advanced Business and Technical Communications	3	4	FWSO	Prerequisite BCOM 101 or ENG 101
Education Fieldwork Hours				50
Total Credit Hours	9	12		

<b>YEAR 2 - FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Semester Offered</b>	<b>Comments</b>
ED 202A Teaching of Reading in the Elementary School	3	4	FO	
BUS 126 Business Math or MATH 105	3/4	3/4	FWSO	Prerequisite for MATH 105: MATH 100A or MATH 107A with a minimum grade of "C" in either course
Education Fieldwork Hours				25
Total Credit Hours	6/7	7/8		

<b>YEAR 2 - WINTER SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Semester Offered</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Education Elective	3	4	FWSO	
ED 216A Educating the Exceptional Child and Young Adult	3	4	WOD	
CIS 110 or CIS 120A	3	3	FWSO	Prerequisite for CIS 120A: Completion of BUS 179 or equivalent recommended
Education Fieldwork Hours				50
Total Credit Hours	9	11		

<b>YEAR 3 - FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Semester Offered</b>	<b>Comments</b>
ED 230A Children's Literature	3	4	FWO	
BUS 127 or COM 101	3	3	FWSO	
Education Fieldwork Hours				25
Total Credit Hours	6	7		

<b>YEAR 3 - WINTER SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Semester Offered</b>	<b>Comments</b>
ED 225A Child Development or ED 250A Human Growth and Learning	3	4	FWSO	
ED 234A Educational Psychology	3	4	WO	
Education Fieldwork Hours				50
Total Credit Hours	6	8		

<b>YEAR 4 - FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Semester Offered</b>	<b>Comments</b>
ED 221A Teaching Students with Learning and Behavior Problems	3	4	F	Prerequisite ED 211
PEA 101A, PEA 103, PEA 104A, PEA 118, or PEA 201	1	2	FWSO	Prerequisite: Meet ready to Succeed Requirement
PEA/DNC of choice	1	2	FWSO	Prerequisite: Meet ready to Succeed Requirement
Education Fieldwork Hours				25
Total Credit Hours	5	8		

<b>YEAR 4 - WINTER SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Semester Offered</b>	<b>Comments</b>
ED 272 Education Practicum	3	6	W	Perquisite: ED 101A, ED 109 or ED 211; and ED 225 or ED 250; and instructor permission
*Core Option (One Course)	3/4	3/4	FWSO	Prerequisite: Meet Ready to Succeed Requirement
Electives	2	2		If needed for 62 hours
Education Fieldwork Hours				205
Total Credit Hours	8/9	11/12		

**\*Core Option – Select one**

**GEOG 104 Cultural Geography (FW)**

**PHIL 205 Business Ethics (FW)**

**PSCI 111 Introduction to American Government (FWSO)**

**PSCI 211 Comparative Governments (FWO)**

**PSYC 102 Applied Psychology (FWSO)**

**PSYC 201 General Psychology (FWSO)**

**MINIMUM CREDITS NEEDED FOR DEGREE - 62**

**Additional notes:** This degree requires a cleared background check, which may include fingerprinting and a TB clearance. Fieldwork is required in all education courses. Courses are offered both face to face an online and delivery varies by semester.