

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



OPTIMIZE YOUR TALENT. EARN A DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES.

Do you need an associate's degree to advance in your current career or pursue new career opportunities? Kaplan University's Associate of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies could be the right program for you. This versatile program allows you to design and plan your degree to help pursue your professional and academic goals.¹ Tailor your education to your unique talents and interests by choosing an emphasis in communication, educational paraprofessional, or early childhood development.

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UNIVERSITY**

TAKE AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD THE CAREER YOU WANT

Pursue a new career or prepare for career advancement in a variety of fields with the knowledge, communication skills, critical thinking, and technical competencies required in the modern workplace.¹ An associate's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Kaplan University could prepare you for opportunities across a number of industries and sectors.

In 2008, the unemployment rate among those with only a high school diploma was 5.7 percent.² For those with an associate's degree, it was only 3.7 percent.² Education pays, and a Kaplan University degree could help get you on the track to success. Plus, with three emphasis areas to choose from, you can take your studies in your direction of choice.

Pursue a degree that could help take you higher. Pursue an Associate of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Kaplan University.



DO MORE WITH AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

With an associate's degree, you could pursue employment in a variety of careers in the public and private sectors. Each emphasis area offers you the opportunity to develop marketable skills in fields such as accounting, banking, child care, criminal justice, education, financial services, human resources, information technology, law, management, marketing, politics, publishing, purchasing, or teaching.

DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES WILL VARY, BUT SOME OF THE TASKS THAT GRADUATES COULD PERFORM INCLUDE (BY EMPHASIS AREA):³

• Communication⁴

- Report, write, or edit stories; shoot video, take photos
- Write press releases, manage special events, establish local relationships
- Edit and standardize materials written by others
- Prepare documents for both internal and external use

• Educational Paraprofessional

- Assist students with special needs (e.g., non-English speaking students or students with disabilities)
- Tutor children individually or in small groups
- Supervise students in and out of the classroom (e.g., cafeterias, field trips)
- Observe and record student performance and progress

• Early Childhood Development

- Support children in their emotional and social development
- Care for children in group homes, nursery schools, and other institutional settings
- Monitor children's play activities
- Help children learn proper health and personal habits (e.g. personal hygiene)
- Organize and facilitate recreational activities for young children



BECOME COMPETITIVE WITH AN INTERDISCIPLINARY DEGREE

Kaplan University's **Associate of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies** program offers a wide-range of courses and a broad focus that could be applied and tailored to diverse professions.¹ It provides a degree-completion program and accommodates both the student whose needs are satisfied by an associate's degree and the student who may wish to pursue study beyond the associate's-degree level.⁵ While the open concentration area can be a combination of courses from a variety of disciplines, the degree rests solidly on a general education foundation. Students plan their degree design in accordance with their employment or higher education goals.

Students enrolled in the Associate of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies program may choose to further customize their degree by specializing in communication, educational paraprofessional, or early childhood development.

The communication emphasis is designed to equip students with the introductory knowledge and skills needed to become effective communicators in today's competitive, global workplace. The educational paraprofessional emphasis is designed to provide students with the necessary topical knowledge and skills for assisting teachers in preschool through high school classrooms. The early childhood development emphasis is designed to provide students with the introductory knowledge and skills for working exclusively with infants, toddlers, and preschool-and kindergarten-aged children in early childhood programs. Such programs include child care centers, pre-kindergarten/kindergarten programs, Head Start, and other before- and after-school care.



Program Detail

Associate of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

- Credit Hours: 90

HERE IS WHAT ONE STUDENT HAD TO SAY

Michelle Parmeter

- Kaplan University Graduate, January 2009

“I honestly, wholeheartedly can say I feel very confident in the quality of the education I received from Kaplan. I recommended my husband to go...He now attends Kaplan because he was able to see the changes that happened in me, the confidence that I take with me now. Kaplan University has been huge in my achieving my goals...I am the first person in my family to ever graduate with a bachelor's degree...I have four little girls and it was important for me to show them that it could be done...Kaplan has definitely made that possible.”

KAPLAN UNIVERSITY—A DIFFERENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

Kaplan University isn't like other online universities. We offer productive, interactive, dynamic learning opportunities that encourage and enhance the talents of our students. Created around the principle of using advanced technology and enhanced delivery methods, we make classes accessible and user friendly. Combined with our strong focus on personal interaction, Kaplan University has created the right environment for learning. You can navigate lessons, explore Web field trips with the click of your mouse, and communicate with fellow students and faculty via email and message boards. Most importantly, our outcomes-based programs are designed to provide you with the skills you need to reach your educational and career goals.¹

WAYS TO HELP YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR TALENT

We partner to help you achieve success from day one. Some of our student support services include:

- Academic advising
- Career services
- Tutoring
- Technical support
- Networking/Connection tools
- Financial aid
- Student clubs/organizations
- Library
- Military student service center
- Resource center

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Associate of Applied Science in Human Services
- › Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies
- › Bachelor of Science in Communication
- › Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- › Bachelor of Science in Psychology

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

- ¹ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in their field of study, or in related fields. However, the University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any particular job or employed at all.
- ² Bureau of Labor Statistics: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Projections, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/emp/emptab7.htm>. These projections are provided for informational purposes only.
- ³ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, the University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job or equipped to perform all the tasks noted. Additional training or certification may be required.
- ⁴ O*Net Center Online, Summary Report for Public Relations Specialists (27-3031.00), Teacher Assistants (25-9041), and Child Care Workers (39-9011) on the Internet at <http://online.onetcenter.org/>.
- ⁵ While many of Kaplan University's degree programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any bachelor's, graduate, or doctoral programs.

Note From Dean

"The College of Arts and Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Arts and Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in meeting their educational, career, and personal goals."



Sara Sander
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences



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