

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

PREPARE TO ASSIST IN CLASSROOM DEVELOPMENT AND YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT. EARN YOUR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE FROM KAPLAN UNIVERSITY.

Kaplan University's Associate of Applied Science in Educational Paraprofessional program is designed to prepare you with the topical knowledge and skills for assisting teachers in elementary through high school classrooms.¹ Our curriculum focuses on child development, assisting English language learners, educational and learning theories, special education, and classroom and behavioral management.

Kaplan University's goal is to create a dynamic environment for online learning. Our technology and course delivery methods allow you to access our user-friendly classes virtually anywhere you have an Internet connection.

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PREPARE TO JOIN THE EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL FIELD.

Advancement for teacher assistants comes primarily with experience or further education. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, opportunities should be best for those with at least 2 years of formal postsecondary education.²

Furthermore, the long-term national job growth of teacher assistants is expected to be 10 percent from 2008 through 2018.² Whether you are looking to enter this exciting field for the first time or to advance in your current career, our educational paraprofessional coursework could help you pursue opportunities in this field.



AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COULD HELP YOU GET AHEAD.

The Associate of Applied Science in Educational Paraprofessional program is designed to prepare students for careers in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, community centers or before- or after-school settings.^{1,3}

Additional titles for educational paraprofessionals could include, but are not limited to, teacher's aide, teacher's assistant, or paraeducator.¹

POSSIBLE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONALS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:¹

- **Providing** both instructional and clerical support to teachers
- **Using teacher's lesson plans** to assist students in learning the material
- **Working with students** individually or in small groups
- **Grading tests** and papers; recording grades
- **Setting up** equipment
- **Supervising students** in the cafeteria, the playground, hallways, or on field trips
- **Stocking supplies** and keeping classrooms in order
- **Attending to** the physical and mental needs of special education students

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A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO OFFER REAL-WORLD KNOWLEDGE

Kaplan University's Associate of Applied Science in Educational Paraprofessional program is designed to help meet the needs of students who wish to work in the field. The degree provides a general education foundation in ethics, critical thinking, and communication skills to support the roles and responsibilities in diverse learning environments. Courses include: Classroom Management; Educational Development of School-Age Students; Math Methods; Reading and Writing Methods; and Survey of Special Needs.

Kaplan University's Associate of Applied Science in Educational Paraprofessional curriculum emphasizes the following program outcomes:

- Showing proficiency in basic academic skills and techniques used for classroom instructional support such as reading, mathematics, and writing
- Demonstrating the ability to use appropriate curriculum that addresses the individual student's physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs
- Demonstrating the ability to interact effectively with students, families, teachers, and administrators in diverse school settings
- Applying instructional and behavioral techniques used in a variety of learning environments to enhance teaching and learning of students
- Showing an understanding of paraprofessional roles including professional standards, legal issues, ethical practices, and appropriate interpersonal and management skills
- Demonstrating an understanding of the individual learning needs and cultural diversity of students and their families

Program Detail

Associate of Applied Science in Educational Paraprofessional

Credit Hours: 90



HERE IS WHAT ONE STUDENT HAD TO SAY

Lisa Evert⁴

• Kaplan University College of Arts and Sciences Graduate

“The difference in Kaplan University is the instructors have real-world experience, not just academic experience...they bring in their own insights, their own stories...experiences that actually helped to make not only the material come alive but made it very easy for me to understand the progression.”

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WE STAND BEHIND OUR ACADEMIC QUALITY AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE OUR 5-WEEK TRIAL.

We are committed to your education, your goals—you. Only at Kaplan University can you take the first 5 weeks of class to try a degree program for yourself with no tuition obligation.

It's simple. You'll attend real classes for real credits. After the introductory period, if you decide we're right for you, and you meet our academic standards and other requirements, you'll continue on. If not, your obligation ends there. There's no tuition cost or other financial obligation, except for the nonrefundable application fee.⁵

WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty servicemembers and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.⁶

Other Programs

- › Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development
- › Bachelor of Science in Communication
- › Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development
- › Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- › Bachelor of Science in Psychology

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit online.kaplanuniversity.edu/consumer_info.aspx.

¹ 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 eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization..

² Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Teacher Assistants, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/oco/ocos153.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

³ The Associate of Applied Science in Educational Paraprofessional is not represented as meeting specific state Board of Education criteria for assisting with children and teachers in a public school setting. Students are encouraged to check with their local school district on specific college education requirements needed in these fields.

⁴ Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.

⁵ Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible. Additional terms may apply to international students and non-U.S. citizens.

⁶ Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

Note From Dean

"The College of Arts and Sciences degree programs are designed to meet the unique needs of our 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

Sara Sander, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

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