Iowa Paraeducator Certification
Through
Kirkwood Community College

**Generalist**
PK-12

**Areas of Concentration**

- Early Childhood PK-3
- Special Needs PK-12
- Career & Transition Grades 5-12
- Vision Impairment PK-12
- Limited English Proficient PK-12

**Advanced**
PK-12

**Teacher**
(all paraeducator certification courses at KCC lead toward bachelor degree in education)

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**Generalist**
The Generalist requirements are met by taking **two Kirkwood courses**:

- EDU-110 Exploring Teaching 3 credits
- EDU-119 Behavior Management 3 credits

**Areas of Concentration**
Area of Concentration certification is met by the completion of Generalist certification, plus one additional **three-credit course** specific to the student’s area of concentration. The areas of concentration are:

(Select one)

- EDU-129 Inclusion & Adaptation (Special Needs – PK-12) 3 credits
- ECE-103 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (Early Childhood – PK-3) 3 credits
- EDU-279 Transition Services (Career & Transition-Grades 5-12) 3 credits
- ECU-259 Vision Impairment Support (Vision Impairment – PK-12) 3 credits
- EDU-249 Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (Limited English Proficient – PK-12) 3 credits

**Advanced**
Advanced certification is met by completing the following requirements:

- **Generalist Certification**;
- **100 hours field experience** with children (Pre-reqs to register for EDU-810 Field Experience: Exploring Teaching, either Developmental or Educational Psychology, and a 2.5 cumulative GPA); and
- **Associate of Arts degree** in an approved area or completion of **62 approved college credits**