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### Child and Family Services

#### CHILD CARE-SPECIAL NEEDS PARAPROFESSIONAL

Your heart goes out to them, the square pegs in the round holes, the special-needs children who need and deserve our undivided attention. You want to help them, but you're not sure how. That's where Schoolcraft College comes in.

Schoolcraft offers a one-year certificate and an associate degree that can prepare you to become a Special Needs Paraprofessional in a school or social-service setting.

Our certificate program lays a foundation of knowledge in child development and the special requirements of children with mental, physical or emotional disabilities. Two practicum courses help you practice what we teach in our Children's Center or at an outside placement.

The associate degree option builds on all this with courses in speech, writing and psychology, that prepare you to operate effectively as a member of a professional special-needs team.

If you complete the degree program, you'll also have met the requirements of the State Department of Education for instructional assistants.

Schoolcraft also offers Child Care and Development. See our catalog or Web site for details.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What Do SPECIAL NEEDS PARAPROFESSIONALS Do?

Paraprofessionals work with teachers and therapists to stimulate the mental, physical, and emotional growth of special-needs children. Often, they work one-on-one with a child to provide the extra help they may need to succeed.

#### What Characteristics Do I Need To Work In This Field?

Patience and a positive outlook are key attributes of successful Paraprofessionals. So are good observation and communication skills, physical stamina (you may be required to help children with feeding, toileting, and mobility), and sensitivity.

#### Where Could I Find a Job?

Public schools are the number-one employers of Paraprofessionals. You may also find work with a social-service agency, a group home or a supported-living program.

#### What Is My Employment Outlook?

Employment opportunities for Special Needs Paraprofessionals are expected to grow as fast as the average for all occupations through the year 2019.

#### Related Web Sites

American Federation of Teachers/Paraprofessionals and School Related Personnel Division: [www.aft.org/psrp](http://www.aft.org/psrp)

National Resource Center for Paraprofessionals in Education and Related Services: [www.nrcpara.org](http://www.nrcpara.org)

Office of Special Needs Programs: [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html)

#### For More Information

Visit [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) where you can view course and program information, schedule a campus tour, apply for admission, register for courses, and request more information.

Contact the Admissions and Enrollment Center at 734-462-4426 with additional questions.

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#### JOB TITLES & MEDIAN SALARIES OR HOURLY RATES

Special Needs Paraprofessional  
\$22,200 (national)

# discover CHILD CARE—SPECIAL NEEDS

## Program Requirements — 2011–2012 CATALOG

### CHILD CARE—SPECIAL NEEDS PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Schoolcraft program code # AAS.00021

Working with disabled children and adults requires sensitivity to individual needs and an ability to help identify and develop the strengths of each individual. This curriculum contains theoretical and practical experience designed to prepare students to work in public school special education classrooms, inclusive classrooms and resource rooms, institutional settings, sheltered workshops, job coaching programs, group homes, or supported-living programs. Students learn to work effectively as members of professional special needs teams. Students who successfully complete the program will meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with the Counseling Center to set up a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete all College Requirements qualify for an Associate in Applied Science Degree.

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

FIRST YEAR		Fall Semester	
ENG 100	Communication Skills	.....	3
CCD 116	Child Development	.....	3
CCD 100	Introduction to Child Welfare Services	.....	3
Social Science	Select 1	.....	3–4
PSYCH 153	Human Relations	.....	
PSYCH 201	Introductory Psychology	.....	
CCD 216	The Child with Special Needs	.....	3
			<b>15–16</b>
		Winter Semester	
ENG 106	Business English	.....	3
CCD Elective	Select 1	.....	3
CCD 101	Preschool Child Care	.....	
CCD 115	School-Age Child Care	.....	
CCD 105	Introduction to Developmental Disabilities	.....	3
SOC 201	Principles of Sociology	.....	3
CCD 150	Child Care Practicum I	.....	3
COLLS 111	Electronic Portfolio	.....	1
			<b>16</b>

#### SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester		
BIOL 101	General Biology	..... 4
Math	Select any General Education Mathematics course	..... 3–4
CCD 215	Methods and Curricula for Persons with Developmental Disabilities	..... 3
CCD 211	Children and Youth in Groups	..... 3
HUM 106	Introduction to Art and Music	..... 1
		<b>14–15</b>
Winter Semester		
CCD 113	Special Educational Programs and Supported Living	..... 3
CCD 126	Creative Activities	..... 3
CCD 130	Learning Disabilities	..... 3
CCD 218	Practicum 2—Special Education Focus	..... 3
CCD 140	Emotional Impairment	..... 3
CCD 224	Emerging Educator	..... 1
		<b>16</b>

**PROGRAM TOTAL 61–63 CREDITS**

Students planning to transfer should check the transfer institution's requirements/guides or discuss their options with a counselor or advisor. Number of credits may vary depending on the course selection.

### CHILD CARE—SPECIAL NEEDS PARAPROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

Schoolcraft program code # 1YC.00032

The Child Care—Special Needs Paraprofessional Certificate Program provides an educational foundation for understanding normal human development and the special needs of individuals who have mental, physical and/or emotional disabilities. The program emphasizes helping students develop the sensitivity and skills to identify and promote the potential of each individual regardless of the handicap.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with the Counseling Center to set up a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the Program Courses qualify for a Certificate of Program Completion.

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

FIRST YEAR		Fall Semester	
CCD 116	Child Development	.....	3
CCD 216	The Child with Special Needs	.....	3
CCD 215	Methods and Curricula for Persons with Developmental Disabilities	.....	3
CCD 113	Special Educational Programs and Supported Living	.....	3
			<b>12</b>
		Winter Semester	
CCD 105	Introduction to Developmental Disabilities	.....	3
CCD 150	Child Care Practicum I	.....	3
CCD 140	Emotional Impairment	.....	3
CCD 130	Learning Disabilities	.....	3
			<b>12</b>
		Spring Session	
CCD 218	Practicum 2—Special Education Focus	.....	3
CCD 211	Children and Youth in Groups	.....	3
			<b>6</b>

**PROGRAM TOTAL 30 CREDITS**

Virtually any program at Schoolcraft College can be a transfer program if you plan to continue at a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in your major. Visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/transfer](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/transfer) for information about transfer options. To ensure that the Schoolcraft courses you select are the specific ones required by the four-year college of your choice, be sure to consult regularly with your counselor/advisor.



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