

Spokane Falls Community College
COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND OUTLINE

Prefix and Course Number: EDUC& 101
Course Title: Paraeducator Basics

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Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Explore techniques supporting instruction, professional and ethical practices, positive and safe learning environments, effective communication, and teamwork.
2. Compare the distinct roles and responsibilities of the Paraeducator with those of the certificated staff.
3. Identify the signs of a safe, positive and culturally inclusive learning environment.
4. Examine cultural identity and diversity, considering achievement gaps and appropriate resources for support.
5. Utilize effective communication techniques and strategies to be used with students, family members and staff.
6. Utilize the Washington State Paraeducation Standards to develop a professional development plan.
7. Demonstrate the ability to utilize assessments and record data to monitor child growth and development.

Course Outline:

1. Introduction

- Define Paraeducator and related roles within the educational setting
- Consider Requirements of Employment
- Team and Professional Support

2. Ethical Practices

- Standards and Policies
- Confidentiality
- Harassment
- Student Safety

3. Positive Learning Environments

- Inclusive and Equitable Classrooms
- Classroom Management and Behavior
- Conflict Resolution
- De-escalation of behavior-Teachable Moments

4. Building Relationships

- Motivation
- Engaged learners
- Supporting students in trauma

5. Effective Instruction

- Strategies for Instruction
- Differentiated Instruction
- Overview of Learning Disabilities

6. Cultural Sensitivities

- Supportive Communication
- Culturally Responsive Teaching
- English Language Learners

7. Assessments and Data Collection

- Observation and Documentation
- Academic Assessments

Behavioral Assessments

8. Special Education

Basic Principals