



2011-2012 Career Planning Guide

EDUCATION: Special Education

Associate in Applied Arts & Sciences Degree (A.A.A.S.)

Shoreline Community College

16101 Greenwood Avenue North

Shoreline, Washington 98133

Length of Program: 90 credits, 6 quarters

Completion Award: A.A.A.S. Degree

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Approximate Quarterly Costs

Check quarterly class schedule for Tuition Table

Parking Fee Per Quarter

\$15

Books (Book costs vary widely.)

\$200

Additional Instructional Fees

\$25-85

Enrollment: Fall (recommended), Winter, Spring

<http://www.shoreline.edu/shoreline/ehs.html>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Education Programs are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for employment in a variety of social and educational agencies. Based on personal and career interests, students may select one of three A.A.A.S. degree options: Early Childhood Educator and Paraeducator, Special Education, and Bilingual/Bicultural Education. These programs are designed to meet endorsement requirements set by the State of Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Students learn about the social, emotional and intellectual development of children as well as specific strategies for encouraging healthy development. Students also learn how to develop group activities, plan a curriculum, positively guide an individual child and groups of children, and effectively communicate with children, parents and co-workers. Internships provide students with an opportunity to integrate classroom learning, increase confidence and gain valuable experience. All courses are taught from a multicultural perspective.

The A.A.A.S. Degree in Special Education prepares graduates to work in Special Education programs. This concentration can be combined with Early Childhood Educator and Paraeducator to prepare for employment in agencies that serve children with special needs from birth through age eight.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this program should be able to:

1. Select and implement developmentally and culturally appropriate educational practices that positively impact the development, creativity and self-esteem of young children.
2. Develop, Design and implement creative and innovative strategies that are culturally sensitive.
3. Plan group activities and effectively manage a multicultural classroom.
4. Perform basic assessments and measurements of a child's progress in an educational setting.
5. Work appropriately with exceptional children and those with special needs.
6. Communicate effectively with children, parents, colleagues and educational administrators.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career opportunities in early childhood education are numerous. Shoreline has affiliations with a variety of childcare, preschool, recreational and community programs. With additional experience, training and education, graduates can pursue a variety of career pathways in education and administration.

POTENTIAL POSITIONS INCLUDE

Child Care Provider, Pre-School Teacher, Paraeducator, Infant Toddler Specialist, and Family Support Specialist. Entry level salaries range from \$17,000 to \$30,000 in the private sector, in school districts and other state agencies. Salaries increase as graduates gain experience or pursue additional education or teaching certification. For employment outlook, see the U.S. Dept. of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook at <http://www.bls.gov/OCO/>.

