

SECURE YOUR PROFESSIONAL FUTURE!



The Paraprofessional Educator Certificate



**Flexible and affordable solutions
for career advancement**

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A continuing education and professional development program that prepares education paraprofessionals for entry into the ever-expanding field of Education.

This certificate program is specifically designed to refine your teaching skill sets as they relate to working with students in an educational setting and to enhance your opportunity for career advancement. This program of study is also appropriate for practicing paraprofessionals who would like to extend their knowledge while earning college credit.



About the Program

If your goal is to pursue, achieve and sustain success as an educational paraprofessional, you should consider this supportive Charter Oak State College *online* certificate program developed in conjunction with the professional staff of Connecticut's Capitol Region Education Council (CREC). You have the option of participating in the program on a stand-alone certificate basis, or you can apply the credits you earn toward a Charter Oak associate or bachelor's degree.

We offer an *online* environment that makes it easy and convenient to participate while you remain focused on commitment to your current employment. The skills you acquire in this certificate program will assist you in defining and honing the teaching competencies that will contribute to your success as a paraprofessional and ensure a smooth transition to an in-demand career field poised for new growth.



Paraprofessional Educator Certificate Courses

(Each course offers 3 credits)

Introduction to the Paraprofessional

An overview of the roles and responsibilities of the educational paraprofessional. Learning outcomes are based on Levels One and Two of the National Paraprofessional Standards and include an understanding of behavior techniques, communication, legal issues and instructional strategies.

Advanced Behavior Techniques

An in-depth study of specific strategies designed to prevent and/or manage challenging student behaviors. Learning outcomes are based on the National Paraprofessional Standards, Levels One through Three.

Autism and Assistive Technology

An examination of specific academic and behavioral strategies employed to assist autistic students in the classroom. The course additionally explores the use of assistive technologies that support independent learning. Learning outcomes are based on the National Paraprofessional Standards.

Exceptional Learners Paraprofessional

A study of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that focuses on the disability categories protected under federal law. The course provides insight into the characteristics of each of the law's disability categories and looks at the academic and behavioral strategies designed to assist students with disabilities. Learning outcomes are based on the National Paraprofessional Standards, Levels One through Three.

The Paraprofessional Internship

An on-site classroom internship designed to allow you to apply skills learned in the *Introduction to the Paraprofessional* course. Learning outcomes are based on National Paraprofessional Standards, Levels One through Three. The course presents an opportunity for you to work 120 hours in a real educational setting. The course instructor and on-site supervising teacher will maintain regular contact with you throughout your internship. You will be responsible for selecting the internship site.

(It is important to note that you must maintain a grade of C or higher in all courses comprising the program in order to earn your certificate.)



Our Distinguished Faculty

As a Charter Oak student, you'll reap the benefits of learning from a distinguished and dedicated faculty and from prominent professionals with extensive educational experience. Each faculty member is an esteemed educator unhesitating in his or her desire to challenge, guide and inspire you to achieve your educational and professional goals.

A College For Your Busy Life

Charter Oak is Connecticut's only public *online* college. Our institution has been established to help busy adult learners, like you, achieve their career objectives through time-flexible and affordable certificate and credential programs as well as through degree completion. The Paraprofessional Educator Certificate program allows you to conveniently plan your study schedule around obligations to your job and family. Our institution is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

About CREC

The Capitol Region Education Council, established in 1966 by the Connecticut State Legislature, has developed a wide array of high-quality programs and services to meet the educational needs of children and adults in Connecticut's capitol region. Among its mission objectives are the development of specialized educational programs for students with hearing impairments, special needs and a variety of other physical and behavioral challenges and the creation of innovative partnership programs that help adults develop real, job-ready skills.

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