



2026-2027 Certificate

Certificate: **INTRO TO PARAEDUCATOR CAREERS (61-522-1)**

Credits: **12 Credits**

Description: In this certificate, learners will focus on foundational practices to support students from preschool through grade twelve. The coursework covers theoretical applications to implement in the classroom based on best practices related to how children learn and develop. Learners will also be exposed to effective teaching strategies, classroom management techniques, and special education supports which can be implemented in the classroom to assist teachers and facilitate learning.

Related Program: Foundations of Teacher Education

The sequence shown is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here. All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan. Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.).

REQUIRED COURSES

NOTE: Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)

O = Online, F=Fall, S=Spring

✓	Term One	Credits	Prerequisite	Corequisite	O
	522-103 EDU: Intro to Educational Practices	3			F
	522-105 EDU: Behavior Management	3			F
	522-106 EDU: Child and Adolescent Development	3			F
✓	Term Two				
	522-107 EDU: Overview of Special Education	3			S
	Total Credits	12			

Students who are interested in continuing into the 10-522-2 Foundations of Teacher Education program can earn their associate degree by completing an additional 49 credits. Please see your academic advisor for details.

Review the technical standards for this program at www.gtc.edu/forms. An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.

NOTE: Students must complete the certificate program with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.