

Pre-Educator Program of Study Leading to Certified Teaching Assistant (CTA) Credential

Overview

The Pre-Educator program of study is designed for students interested in a career in K-12 education and leads to a CTA credential. The CTA will meet all requirements of a paraprofessional and will have completed pedagogical coursework and field experience. **This program of study requires a partnership with an Institution of Higher Education (IHE), and districts will work with this IHE to create opportunities for students to earn concurrent credit during the program.** Concurrent credit options imbedded in the program of study allow students to begin completion of a degree program leading to Arkansas licensure. CTAs will be encouraged to continue their education and will be provided flexible, affordable opportunities to complete a licensure program while working in a school district.

Educator Preparation Coursework

Life Span Development (493020)

Foundations of Teaching (493240) **or** Teacher Cadet I (497100) **or** CC Foundations of Teaching (590230)

Methods of Teacher Instruction (493290) **or** Teacher Cadet II (497110) **or** CC Methods of Teacher Instruction (590520)

Optional: Youth Apprenticeship (490270)

Field Experience

Minimum of 80 hours of field experience embedded in educator preparation coursework.

Academic Coursework

Appropriate English Language Arts and Mathematics courses to prepare for the ParaPro Assessment/Praxis Core. Students are encouraged to take concurrent credit Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) courses and AP courses.

Career and Technical Student Organization

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

and/or

Educators Rising

Assessment

ParaPro Assessment

Considering all programs of study provide support to prepare students for the Praxis Core exam, students are encouraged to take the **Praxis Core**.

Credentials/College Credit Awarded

CTA Credential

Opportunity to earn concurrent credit that will transfer into a degree plan leading to Arkansas Licensure

Cluster: Education and Training

Pathway: Teaching and Training

Program of Study	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4 (Optional)
Pre-Educator	Life Span Development (493020)	Foundations of Teaching (493240) Or Teacher Cadet I (497100) Or Concurrent Credit Foundations of Teaching (590230)	Methods of Teacher Instruction (493290) Or Teacher Cadet II (497110) Or Concurrent Credit Methods of Teacher Instruction (590520)	Youth Apprenticeship (490270)
Certifications:	CPR/First Aid		-Certified Teaching Assistant -ParaPro Praxis	