

Child Development-Bridge, FastTRAC Programming

Description:

This class will prepare you to enter the Child Development Certificate program at Saint Paul College, a 16 credit certificate.

- You will learn about the different early childhood settings: schools, family, and centers
- You will learn about child development, guidance, nutrition, health and safety
- You will be introduced to the Accuplacer college entrance exam and to college preparation skills
- You will gain computer skills for online learning
- You will complete a work experience in a child care setting
- You will be given CPR training

Requirements:

- 12 week commitment and a TABE D Reading Test score of 5.0+
- Be able to pass a background check to work with children
- Able to walk/stand for long periods of time
- Able to lift 30 lbs
- Volunteer 3 hours/week in a Head Start classroom

Application Process: This course is offered twice a year. Enrollment is done on a walk in basis, no appointment needed. Registration takes place on Monday and Wednesdays.

Next Steps:

Once done with the course, students will have the option to apply and enroll at Saint Paul College to take a 3 credit course in Early Childhood Education. This course will be supported by an ABE Instructor who will pre teach, co-teach, and re-teach lesson from the class. The ABE Instructor will also assist the student with building their reading, writing, and computer skills. Once the student completes this course they will move onto Child Growth and Development another 3 credit course under the Child Development Careers Certificate. Students will continue to receive ABE support throughout that course as well.

Requirements to move on:

- Pass a background check to work with children
- Accuplacer Reading score of a 60+
- Accuplacer Math score of 31+
- Able to commit to a yearlong certificate program

Students may be eligible for free tuition and fees for this college level course