Education Instructional Paraprofessional Certificates

The need for more highly trained Instructional Assistants (now referred to as Instructional Paraprofessionals) has expanded as a result of requirements imposed by recent changes in federal and state law. The No Child Left Behind legislation requires educational paraprofessionals to be "highly qualified." This means that Instructional Paraprofessionals now must have either completed at least 48 credits of college work or have achieved its equivalent (as determined by a score of 455 or higher on the ParaPro Assessment).

As an option, students may choose to focus their study in specific areas. Students may earn an Instructional Paraprofessional Certificate in Language Arts, Mathematics or Science by completing a sequence of twenty-four (24) credits related to their area of specialty. This credential would provide half of the needed credits to be "highly qualified" for employment as an Instructional Paraprofessional. This certificate can then be supplemented by completing twenty-four (24) additional college credits to meet employment requirements or may serve as a basis for an Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree.

Certificate
Education Instructional Paraprofessional in Mathematics

Program Requirements			**24-25 Credits**
EDU	101	Introduction to Education	3
EDU	211	Introduction to Special Education	3
MAT	101	College Algebra	3
		OR	
MAT	118	Mathematic Modeling using Algebra	(4)
MAT	107	Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics I	3
MAT	108	Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics II	3
MAT	109	Introduction to Statistics	3
PSY	201	General Psychology	3
PSY	203	Educational Psychology	3

Certificate Requirement 24-25

Students who have been convicted of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, or crimes of violence are precluded from employment in the field of teaching. Please discuss concerns with your advisor.