

**NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Title: Educational Paraprofessional **Course #:** EDU 102

Course Description: This three (3)-credit course will introduce core content area skills in reading, mathematics, and writing needed to pass the ParaPro™ Praxis Exam. Participants will gain an in-depth understanding about identified disabling conditions, related health issues prevalent among mainstreamed students, and how to implement prescribed strategies and initiatives that promote learning in a classroom or resource room setting. Through interactive activities, participants will become familiar with special education mandates and how they impact the delivery of service to special needs students in today's public school classrooms.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: High School diploma or GED

Goals:

1. To learn content material as prescribed in the ParaPro™ assessment;
2. To develop and apply classroom based technology skills;
3. To understand special education laws and regulations mandated by I.D.E.A. 2004;
4. To understand health issues as they relate to disabilities and their impact on student learning;
5. To function as a contributing member of a team.

Outcomes:

1. Successfully meet the State of Connecticut's proficiency standard on the ParaPro™ Praxis exam;
2. Proficient use of Microsoft XP operating system and Microsoft software as it relates to the educational setting;
3. Interpret and enforce special education laws governing the implementation of the Individualized Educational Program;
4. Develop familiarity with identified disabling conditions as they affect student learning outcomes;
5. Understand the framework and culture of the public school community.