Those working as para-educators enjoy working with students and providing support to classroom teachers. If you like being around school-age children and are compassionate to their needs, can take direction from lead teachers and members of the educational team, and are patient, a job as a para-educator might be for you!

About This Program

Those working with elementary/middle school students understand the complex educational issues involving children. In this program, acquire skills to help students learn by providing individualized instruction under the supervision of a licensed teacher. Provide support with reading, writing, math and science; develop strategies to guide young children’s behavior; and gain skills to work with children with special needs.

What Makes This Program Unique

• Practice learned skills in K-12 settings throughout the program. Area public school sites provide practicum experience in the third and fourth semesters.
• Upon completion, graduates are eligible to apply for a Short Term Substitute Teacher License and begin instruction as a substitute teacher in the classroom.
• Earn embedded credentials in Inclusion and Instructional Strategies along the way as you complete your degree.
• Work as a paraeducator in pre-K through grade 12 settings, or take your career a step further to earn a bachelor’s degree and become a licensed teacher.

Career Salaries

$24,000 – $36,000 annually

Salary range estimates based on wages for related occupations in Waukesha County as reported by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI). Individual wages may vary based on experience, industry, location and specific job requirements.