

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION
(EDUCATION AND SPECIAL NEEDS) (ESPE)
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (A.A.) DEGREE**

Students training in the education and special needs concentrations are qualified for employment in a variety of education and social service settings. These may include teacher assistant positions in kindergarten, public and special education classrooms, early intervention centers, residential group homes, hospitals and community day programs. In all of these settings, teacher assistants and aides provide direct support to children and adults, helping them to reach their maximum physical, emotional, educational and vocational potential. Three internships provide students with critical opportunities for supervised guidance as to best practices for working with able bodied, as well as special needs, individuals and groups.

Note: Students enrolled in the Human Services program must earn a grade of “C” or better in all Human Services courses.

General Education Requirements

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
ENGL 1010*	Composition I	3
ARTS, MUSC, THEA OR Language Elective	Fine Arts OR Language course	3
ENGL Literature Elective	Children’s Literature (<i>recommended</i>)	3
MATH*+ P	MATH 0600 for proficiency OR MATH Elective (<i>recommended for transfer</i>)	0-3
PSYC 2010	General Psychology	3
PSYC 2030 P OR PSYC 2110 P	Developmental Psychology Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 2070**	Educational Psychology	3
Science Elective+	A lab science is recommended for transfer.	3-4
SOCS 1010	General Sociology	3
Total General Education Credits		24-28

Major Requirements

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
HMNS 1010	Introduction to Helping and Human Services	3
HMNS 2060***	Foundations of Teaching and Learning	3
HMNS 2070***	Characteristics and Needs of Special Populations	3
HMNS 1220 P	Field Experience and Seminar I – Education/Special Needs	3
HMNS 2100	Child Growth and Development Skills	3
HMNS 2320 P	Field Experience and Seminar II – Education/Special Needs	3
HMNS 2170 OR HMNS 2180	Learning Disabilities OR Significant Developmental Disabilities	3
HMNS 2420 P	Field Experience and Seminar III – Education/Special Needs	3
HMNS 2900 P	Human Services Capstone	3
Electives***	Select six to nine credits from approved elective course list below.	6-9
Total Major Requirements		33-36

Total Program Credits

60-64

* Placement test required.

+ Selection of math and science courses for transfer should be done in consultation with a Human Services faculty adviser during the first semester of study.

** A higher-level educational psychology course may be required by some teacher preparation bachelor’s degree programs, therefore students transferring to RIC are advised to take HIST 2260.

*** See list of approved electives below. Consult with Human Services faculty adviser. Note: Special Education students should take HMNS 2070 first. Education students should take HMNS 2060 first. HMNS 2710 is necessary for successful transfer of HMNS 2060 to Rhode Island College. HMNS 2080 is necessary for successful transfer of HMNS 2070 to Rhode Island College. Note: A minimum of 60 credits must be completed to graduate; students selecting MATH 0600 for proficiency/in-house credits will need three human services electives.

Approved elective course list:

COMI 1100	HIST 1010, 1020, 2260	SPCH 1100
ENGL 2200	MUSC 1170	THEA 1150
HMNS 1040, 1060, 1070, 1080, 1150, 1160, 2080, 2120, 2140, 2150, 2170, 2180, 2710	PHIL 1010, 2030, 2040 PSYC 1030, 1970, 2030, 2050, 2090, 2110	