

## Technical Studies: Residential Care Specialist, Special Needs Children

Associate in Applied Science

60 Semester Hours

Eastern, in partnership with the West Virginia Schools, for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) developed a comprehensive training program for individuals employed as Residential Care Providers (RCP). The program model blends traditional academic learner outcomes with employer job skill requirements to provide a pathway for residential care providers to obtain a Residential Care Provider Specialist Certificate, and ultimately a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree in Technical Studies: Residential Care Specialist, Special Needs Children. Students will build upon the technical and professional level of knowledge and skills taught in the Technical Core by learning foundational humanities, social science, and mathematics concepts that will contribute to the overall professional success and personal achievement of each individual participant.

The graduate will be able to demonstrate mastery level knowledge and job performance in the following areas:

- Social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of children
- Health, safety, and nutritional needs of children
- Managing behavior and conflict in a residential setting
- Meeting the needs of exceptional children
- Recreation and leisure activities for children

**Program enrollment restricted to employees of the West Virginia Schools for Deaf and Blind**

Component I: General Education Core		Sem. Hrs.
ENL 101	English Composition I	3
CIS 114	Introduction to Computer Applications & Concepts	3
MTH 115	Business Math	3
PSY 200	General Psychology	3
SSC 147	Understanding Human Diversity	3
SPH 101	Speech Fundamentals	3
Elective	Lab Science Elective	4
Component II: Technical Core		
EDF 217	Human Development & Learning	3
PSY 213	Guiding the Behavior of Children	3
EDF 182	Residential Care Specialist II	3
PSY 219	The Exceptional Child	3
EDF 284	Residential Care Specialist IV	3
EDF 285	Residential Care Specialist V	3
Component III: Technical / Occupation Specialty		
ASL 110	Basic American Sign Language	3
ASL 115	Fundamentals of America Sign Language	3
ASL 201	Signing Naturally American Sign Language	3
ASL 202	Intermediate American Sign Language – Practicum American Sign Language	3
ASL 204	Advanced American Sign Language OR	3
COM 100	Introduction to Braille	(3)
HPE 222	First Aid	2
Component IV: On-the-Job Training		
Internship (480 hours of supervised and documented work hours)		3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>60</b>