

**Child Care Assistant**  
**Career Studies Certificate**

**Purpose:** The Program for Adults in Vocational Education (PAVE) is a vocational training program for adults with mental disabilities, including mild mental retardation, mild and severe learning disabilities, and emotional disabilities. The overall purpose of PAVE is to provide post-secondary training programs that incorporate functional academic instruction, job skills training, and community-based internships. The Child Care Assistant Career Studies program is designed to provide basic vocational, academic, and social skill development for students seeking a career related to the care of young children.

**Occupational Objectives:** Students may seek employment as child care aides or assistants in day care centers, nursery schools, and Head Start programs, or as instructional aides in public schools.

**Admission Requirements:** General college curricular admission

**Program Notes:** Students must have completed a high school program with a recognized diploma/GED or passed the Ability to Benefit Assessment; be active or pending clients of the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services; and possess the social skills necessary to function as independent persons among their peers in the college environment.

**Curriculum**

Course	Title	Lec. Hrs.	Lab Hrs.	Course Cred.
SDV 100	Orientation	1	0	1
SDV 80	Integrated Basic Academic/Life Skills	5	0	5
SOC 85	Social Skills Development	3	0	3
CHD 80	Beginning Skills in Early Childhood Development	2	3	3
CHD 87	Awareness of Child Development: Problems/Policies	2	3	3
CHD 85	Creative Activities for Children	2	3	3
HLT 85	First Aid and CPR for Child Care Assistants	1	6	3
CHD 90	Coordinated Internship in Childhood Development	0	25	5
	Total	16	40	26