

**862 EDUCATION STUDIES 3****Term: FY****Grades: 11-12****2 Credits Elective***Prerequisite, Successful completion of Education Studies 2*

This course connects theory and practical application as students build on prerequisite skills and apply those skills in various internship environments from preschool to high school. The curriculum matches that of the paraprofessional educator curriculum with an emphasis on understanding the developmental needs and growth of children with special needs and students up to high school. To help prepare the candidates for postsecondary opportunities, students complete a professional portfolio and develop a resume. After successful completion of the Child Studies program, students should be prepared to complete the Rhode Island State Paraprofessional/Teacher Assistant Exam which will allow students to work as a certified teacher assistant in a variety of school settings. Students will also receive training and certification for First Aid/CPR/AED for both infant/child and adults.