

**Program****EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/ TEACHER ASSOCIATE**

- *Associate in Applied Science (AAS), Certificate Programs*
- *Certificate in School Age*
- *AAS Day Program: 4 semesters*
- *AAS Evening Program: 6 semesters*
- *Certificate Program: 2 semesters*
- *Admission Cycle: Every semester*
- *Maximum Number Admitted Annually: Open*

**Career Description**

Teacher Associate professionals are prepared to work with all children in diverse educational settings. Emphasis is on providing specialized or concentrated assistance to teachers and other professionals. Teacher Associate professionals are commonly known as instructional assistants or paraprofessionals. The Teacher Associate professional combines learned theories with practice. They reinforce and lead student learning during one on one or small group settings while under the supervision of a qualified teacher.

**Careers Available**

Career opportunities include public and private school programs, Head Start programs, preschools, childcare programs, resource and referral agencies, religious and community centers, recreation departments and after-school programs.

**Entry-Level Salary**

\$16,000 - \$27,000/yr.

**Course of Study**

Teacher Associate is a concentration under the curriculum title of Early Childhood Education. Students will complete courses from a variety of disciplines. Emphasis in core courses is placed on the development of skill sets that are required to effectively interact with teachers, other educational professionals and children (birth-middle childhood). A two semester internship is required for degree seeking students that provides working experience at an approved school or educational placement.

**Recommended Courses and Skills**

English, child development, child guidance, school-age development and programs, teacher associate principles and practices and computer applications.

**Helpful Personal Attributes**

A strong desire to work with children, individuals who show patience, understanding, and caring in their dealings with others, with emphasis on child-centered application and practices. Ability to work as a member of a team, effective communication skills, strong sense of responsibility and an ability to manage time effectively.

**Program Contact**

If you would like additional information about the Early Childhood Teacher Associate Program, contact Phygenia Young, Teacher Associate and Special Education Program Coordinator, at (336) 734-7965 or [pyoung@forsythtech.edu](mailto:pyoung@forsythtech.edu).

**How To Get Started**

You may pick up an application at the Admissions Office, 123 Allman Center on the Forsyth Tech Main Campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. You may also request an application by calling (336) 734-7253, or you may apply online at [www.ForsythTech.edu](http://www.ForsythTech.edu).