

**Program****SCHOOL-AGE EDUCATION**

- *Associate in Applied Science (AAS), Certificate*
- *Before and After School-Age Certificate*
- *School-Age Special Education Diploma, Certificate*
- *AAS Day or Evening Program:* 4 semesters day; 6 semesters night
- *Certificate Programs:* 2 semesters
- *Admissions Cycle:* Every semester
- *Maximum Number Admitted Annually:* Open

Career Description

School-age professionals are commonly known as instructional assistants or paraprofessionals who work with children in elementary through middle grades in diverse learning environments. Graduates are equipped to foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of school-age populations. They reinforce and lead student learning during one on one or small group settings while under the supervision of a qualified teacher.

Careers Available

School-Age Education opportunities are available in a variety of settings. Career opportunities include public and private school programs, Head Start programs, childcare programs, resource and referral agencies, religious and community centers, recreation departments and after and before school programs.

Entry-Level Salary

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

Course of Study

Students entering this program 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 school-age children. A one-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, Computer Applications and Professionalism.

Helpful Personal Attributes

A strong desire to work with children, patient, understanding, and caring when dealing with others, with emphasis on child-centered application and practices. Ability to work as a member of a team, effective communication skills, a strong sense of responsibility and an ability to manage time effectively.

Program Contact

If you would like additional information about the School-Age Education Program, the diplomas, or any of the certificates, contact Phygenia Young, Program Coordinator, at 336.734.7965 or 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.