

## **SECOND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION**

### **Module Descriptions**

This course provides an introduction to first and second language development. The content consists of introductory material regarding first language development, language features, informal assessment, etc.

#### **Module A. Language Development (3 hours)**

The paraeducator will:

- 1) Recognize the process of primary language development.
- 2) Identify the principles, key concepts, and components of language.

#### **Module B. Second Language Acquisition (3 hours)**

The paraeducator will:

- 1) Identify key second language acquisition theories.
- 2) Identify the stages of second language acquisition.
- 3) Describe the factors that influence second language acquisition in schools.
- 4) Recognize practical applications for basic interpersonal communication skills and cognitive academic language proficiency skills theories.

#### **Module C. Bilingual and English as a Second Language Instructional Settings (6 hours)**

The paraeducator will:

- 1) Recognize instructional methods used in bilingual education classrooms.
- 2) Recognize and demonstrate a variety of ways to assess learning and progress in language acquisition and development.