

Paraeducator Certificates

Professional Certification

Fundamental Course of Study

The FCS consists of 12 units equaling 28 clock hours. These 28 clock hours will be offered by the paraeducator's employing school district. This is the base training and is required for applying for all the paraeducator certificates.

General Paraeducator Certificate

This certificate is earned by completing 70 clock hours in addition to the FCS. Once earned this is a lifetime certificate.

Subject Matter Certificates – ELL & Special Education

Each certificate is earned by completing 20 clock hours in that subject area in addition to the FCS. The 20 clock hours earned toward each Subject Matter Certificate may be used towards the General Paraeducator Certificate. These certificates will have a 5-year validity and may be renewed.

Advanced Paraeducator Certificate

Clock hours for this certificate can be earned starting on the date the paraeducator applies for a General Paraeducator Certificate, not prior. This certificate requires 75 clock hours related to the duties of an Advanced Paraeducator. This certificate will have a 5-year validity and may be renewed.

Note: Hours may be earned towards the FCS and certificates on or after 07/01/2019

