

ParaEducator Credential Information

<p>Paraprofessional Overview</p>	<p>Paraprofessionals must meet one of the following requirements in order to be considered highly qualified in the state of Minnesota:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At least two years of college credits (usually 60 credits if earned in Minnesota) through an accredited institution of higher education; or ● An associate’s degree or higher; or ● A passing score on an approved, formal assessment (see below) demonstrating the knowledge and ability to assist with instruction in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics or readiness for each. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The <u>ParaEducator assessments</u> require in Minnesota passing scores of 65% for the Instructional Support test and 70% for the Knowledge and Application test. ○ The <u>ParaPathways Test</u> requires a combined Minnesota passing score of 332 on both subtests.
<p>ParaEducator Basics</p>	<p><u>ParaEducator Online by The Master Teacher</u> is a commonly used formal assessment for paraprofessionals in the state of Minnesota, after many school districts moved from ParaPro to ParaEducator in 2022.</p> <p>The <u>ParaEducator Online Assessment</u> is currently offered through the <u>Online, Statewide</u> program. This assessment is in the form of a learning platform that contains lessons for both the test and for job training.</p>
<p>Type of Credential</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Certification <input type="checkbox"/> License </p>
<p>College Credits</p>	<p>Are college credits earned through this credential?</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> yes </p> <p>However, a prior learning credit may be earned at Minnesota</p>

	State Colleges/Universities.
Measurable Skill Gain	<p>Earning this credential counts as a measurable skill gain (MSG) when earned ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In a state-approved IET <input type="checkbox"/> In workplace training <input type="checkbox"/> In a Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) grant
Testing information	<p>ParaEducator tests must be taken in-person at an approved testing location. No remote testing is available.</p> <p>To pass, a person must score 65% or higher on the Instructional Support test and 70% on the Knowledge and Application test. If a student fails one test, but passes the other, the passing score will remain the same. Retakes can be taken the same day.</p> <p>Certificates are awarded immediately upon passing the exam, and do not expire.</p>
Certification information	The Highly Qualified Certificate is not a certification, but those who go on to become teachers or other staff, may require additional licensing, according to pathway.
License information	No license is required to work as an instructional or non-instructional paraprofessional at this time.
ABE Training Providers and contacts	<p>List of ABE programs and contact information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Online, Statewide ● Harmony Learning Center, Rita Bulger, rbulger@isd622.org, program website ● Hubbs Center, Carlynn Miller-Gore, carlynn.miller-gore@spps.org, program website ● Mounds View, Amanda Tall adult.education@moundsviewschools.org

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owatonna, program website • Regional Online Career Collaborative, program website <p>Do you know another program that offers a paraprofessional class? Please email the credential specialist to have it added!</p>
Non-ABE Training Providers and contacts	<p>List of Non-ABE programs and contact information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Century College, Paraeducation Certificate • MCTC, Teacher's Aide with ParaPro Prep
Potential participants	<p>Some potential populations to target when recruiting students for this program can include...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people who are bilingual or multilingual • immigrants with teaching experience in native countries • Individuals co-enrolled in Workforce Centers programming • Parents looking for a work schedule that mirrors their children's school schedule
ATLAS resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ParaPro (Evenski-Glacial Lakes), curriculum link • Paraprofessional Preparation, curriculum link • Paraprofessional Job Training + Test Preparation Program, curriculum link
Notes and other helpful resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDE Paraprofessional information • MDE provides a process for the Voluntary Paraprofessional Credential, administered by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). The voluntary credential is not required to work as a paraprofessional.
Career Information	<p>Paraprofessionals make a living wage, and advancement along the pathway could mean becoming a teacher or administrator.</p> <p>Current median wage for paraprofessionals: \$44,013</p>

	<p>Current median wage for elementary teachers: \$70,000 Current median wage for principals K-12: \$125,078</p>
<p>Creating a career pathway</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Licensure Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CTE Professional ○ Early Childhood Family Education ○ Foreign Credentials ○ Out-of-State • Administrator Licensure Requirements
<p>For more information, please contact the ATLAS consultant in this Credential Specialist role.</p> <p>Amanda Tall, she/her/hers Career Certifications Instructor; Online, Statewide Paraprofessional Program amanda.tall@moundsvIEWSchools.org; (651) 621-6250</p>	

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