



Pathway for Paraeducators Option 9 Partnership Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the program?

The program is three years, including summers.

Do I need to have a paraeducator position to be in the program?

By the start of the program, individuals must have a position as a paraeducator. When applying for the program, you could still be in the process of securing a position.

Do I need to be in a general education elementary classroom or special education classroom to be in the program?

Elementary Education Certification Major (K-5 general education):

In year one and two of the program, you do not need to have a paraeducator position in a general education classroom. Paraeducator positions could be in special education units, preschools, middle schools, or elsewhere in the district. In year two, you will need *access* to a general education classroom to practice teaching some lessons to complete some of your coursework. In year three, you will need to be placed in a general education elementary classroom. You should work with your principal and district personnel in advance of year three to ensure that you are placed in an elementary classroom for your practicum and student teaching placements.

Special Education Certification Major (K-12 Learning & Behavior Disorders LBD):

In year one and two of the program, you do not need to have a paraeducator position in a special education classroom. Paraeducator positions could be in general education classrooms.

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What supports are provided to ensure my success?

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