



Paraeducator Generalist I Certification

The Paraeducator Generalist I certificate program is delivered in three 30-hour courses. The each class will included two face-to-face meetings and the remaining 20 hours will be completed by online moodle units. ***Participants must have access to the internet and iPad or laptop computer.*** A minimum of 10 hours of practical experience with students demonstrating application of skills and knowledge of the Iowa Paraeducator Competencies shall be successfully completed during the class and prior to completion of this program.

The paraeducator course was collectively developed by the Area Education Agencies offering paraeducator certification programs in Iowa in response to the guidelines developed by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners (BoEE). It is designed to build the competencies of people interested in becoming paraeducators in K through 12 classrooms. The six competencies that will be covered include: Ethics and Professional Practice, Foundations, Emotions and Behaviors, Professional Relations, Learning Environment, plus Content and Instruction. Each competency has objectives, lessons, activities, assessments and requirements provided and are completed through face-to-face meetings and/or online moodle units.

*Additional paperwork and fees payable to the Board of Educational Examiners when applying for the license.

Class 1—Introduction to Course

Dates/Times: Face-to-Face sessions will be June 10 and 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Pocahontas at the AEA Office, 500 NE 6th Street. **The additional 20 hours needed to complete this class will be done online with work in moodle units between the face-to-face sessions. 100% Attendance and active participation is required.**

Cost: License Renewal Credit is \$120

Class 2—Instructional Support

Dates/Times: Face-to-Face sessions will be June 17 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Pocahontas at the AEA Office, 500 NE 6th Street. **The additional 20 hours needed to complete this class will be done online with work in moodle units between the face-to-face sessions. 100% Attendance and active participation is required.**

Cost: License Renewal Credit is \$120

Class 3—Behavior Support

Dates/Times: Face-to-Face sessions will be June 24 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Pocahontas at the AEA Office, 500 NE 6th Street. **The additional 20 hours needed to complete this class will be done online with work in moodle units between the face-to-face sessions. 100% Attendance and active participation is required.**

Cost: License Renewal Credit is \$120

Participants must have access to the internet and iPad or laptop computer. Bring your computer to the classes.

Location: Pocahontas, AEA Office, 500 NE 6th Street, Twin Lakes Room

Facilitators: Kristine Randell and Karen Waid, Prairie Lakes AEA 8

To register click [here](#). Contact Carrie Guerin at 515-705-7148

Registration deadline is May 29. MINIMUM OF 10 AND MAXIMUM OF 14.

There is a \$50 non-refundable fee for persons canceling after the registration deadline. There will be no refunds for cancellations after the class has started.

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