



# 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 Pre-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.

## **Class 1—Introduction to Course (online and face-to-face class)**

**Dates/Times:** Face-to-Face sessions will be January 4 and February 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fort Dodge at the AEA Office, 1235 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. 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 (online and face-to-face class)**

**Dates/Times:** Face-to-Face sessions will be February 8 and March 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fort Dodge at the AEA Office, 1235 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. 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 Supports (online and face-to-face class)**

**Dates/Times:** Face-to-Face sessions will be March 14 and April 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fort Dodge at the AEA Office, 1235 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. 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 computer to the face-to-face sessions.***

**To register contact Carrie Guerin at [cguerin@plaea.org](mailto:cguerin@plaea.org) or 515-705-7148. Registration deadline is December 13 MINIMUM OF 10 AND MAXIMUM OF 13.**

**\*There will be no refunds for cancellations 7 days prior to the start of date OR after the class has started.**

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