



Paraeducator Generalist I Certification

The Paraeducator Generalist I certificate program is delivered in three 30-hour courses. Each class will include 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 6 and February 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fort Dodge at the AEA Office, 1235 5th 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 17 and March 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fort Dodge at the AEA Office, 1235 5th 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 Support (online and face-to-face class)

Dates/Times: Face-to-Face sessions will be April 17 and May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fort Dodge at the AEA Office, 1235 5th 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 click [here](#). Contact Carrie Kee at 800-669-2325 ext. 2101 for questions.

Registration deadline is December 20. MINIMUM OF 10 AND MAXIMUM OF 13.

Send the \$120 registration fee to: Carrie Kee, Prairie Lakes AEA 8, 1235 5th Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA 50501 by January 1 to be considered registered. Please make check payable to Prairie Lakes AEA 8.

There is a \$20 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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