

## ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

- An advanced paraeducator certificate can be attained after receiving your general certificate and completing an additional *75 hours* of professional development. Certificate expires after five years.
- Advanced paraeducator duties may include: assisting in highly-impacted classrooms, supporting specialized instruction, mentoring other paraeducators, acting as a short-term emergency substitute teacher.

## GENERAL CERTIFICATE

- You become eligible for a general paraeducator certificate by completing the Fundamental Course of Study (FCS) and an additional *70 hours* of courses on the standards of practice.
- This certificate does not expire. Subject to funding, it must be completed within three years of finishing the FCS. English language learner (ELL) and special education certificates may count towards general certificate hours.

## ELL SUBJECT MATTER CERTIFICATE

- Earn this certificate by completing *20 hours* of English language learner (ELL) professional development. Certificate expires after five years.
- Coursework includes language acquisition foundations, cultural competence, instructional strategies, and more.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION SUBJECT MATTER CERTIFICATE

- Earn this certificate by completing *20 hours* of special education professional development. Certificate expires after five years.
- Coursework includes IDEA fundamentals, special education processes, culturally responsive strategies, behavioral support, and more.

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## FUNDAMENTAL COURSE OF STUDY (FCS)

- A *28 hour* course provided by your district covering the *new* state standards of practice. Beginning September 2019, all paraeducators must start the certificate process by completing the FCS.

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