



Have you ever wanted to work in the school system?

Would you enjoy being part of a team that makes a difference?

Do you need your GED®?

What is a Paraprofessional?

The Virginia Department of Education defines a paraprofessional as a “...school employee who works under the supervision of a licensed staff member to assist in providing instruction and other services to children, youth, and families.”

- “Paras” work in a variety of instructional and non-instructional roles
- Paraprofessionals work in education settings ranging from preschool and daycare to adult vocational sites
- Paras are essential parts of a team, providing direct and indirect services to students with disabilities*

*from the The Virginia Paraprofessional Guide to Supervision and Collaboration with Paraprofessionals: A Partnership (June 2005)

Certified Paras are in Great Demand!

All school systems in the Commonwealth of Virginia use paras. PRACEP is offering a virtual 6-month intensive program aimed at training a select number of candidates to become certified paraprofessionals. Paras receive good benefits and job security, along with opportunities for career advancement.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS: This program requires a 6-month commitment. Priority will be given to candidates in need of completing their GED®. HS and GED® “graduates” will also be considered. Candidates may not have a post-secondary education. Training will require a commitment of 1-2 hours/week, usually evenings with occasional Saturdays. Training is intensive and factors such as childcare, work schedules, and other commitments should be carefully considered prior to engaging with this program.

Successful PluggedIn Para completers will obtain:

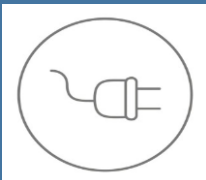
- GED®
- Paraprofessional certification (based on passing the para exam)
- CPR & First Aid Certification
- Microsoft Digital Literacy certification
- Other state required certifications
- Workplace and job search skills enabling candidates to seamlessly transition into the para role

Apply to the Paraprofessional PluggedIn program at PRACEP!

PRACEP: The adult education division of the Virginia Department of Education serving Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties.

PluggedIn: A Virginia state-funded program offering an opportunity to receive training specifically designed so an individual can plug in to a career path upon successful completion.

All program fees and materials supplied by PRACEP



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