

Bluegrass Community & Technical College's

Paraeducator Certificate Program

*A path toward a career as a
paraprofessional in Kentucky public schools*

What do paraeducators do?

Paraeducators assist lead teachers in K-12 classrooms with instruction, classroom management and clerical duties. Paraeducators work with students one-on-one and in small groups. Paraeducators work collaboratively with colleagues within a school to help ensure a quality educational experience for all students.

BCTC Paraeducator Certificate Program Curriculum

- ED 101 Orientation to Education (3 credits)
- ED 102 Child and Adolescent Development (3 credits)
- ED 103 Introduction to Special Education (3 credits)
- ED 104 Introduction to Behavior Management (3 credits)
- ED 105 Practical Experiences for the Paraeducator (3 credits)
- Computer Literacy (1-3 credits)

The Paraeducator Certificate Program is designed to prepare highly qualified paraeducators for Kentucky public schools. Many students who enroll in the certificate program are already working as paraeducators and want to increase their skills and credentials.

All of the paraeducator courses are offered online so students can complete the certificate requirements without having to attend class on campus. All paraeducator education courses include field observations and students who complete the paraeducator certificate program spend over 200 hours observing assisting and learning in classrooms in their local communities.

Students interested in enrolling in paraeducator certificate programs must submit an application for admission to Bluegrass Community and Technical College Office of Admissions, 200 Oswald Building of Cooper Campus, 470 Copper Drive, Lexington, KY 40506 or online at http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/Admissions/How_to_Apply.aspx

For more information about the paraeducator certificate program contact: Landrea Miriti at 859-246-6425 (Aug. 1- May 31) or via e- mail Landrea.miriti@kctcs.edu

Please turn over to read more about being a paraeducator.



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What it means to be a paraeducator.

Comments from paraeducators working in Kentucky public schools

“Being able to touch or make an impact on a child’s life.”

“Making a difference through one-to-one work with kids.”

“Getting to see the kids get (understand) the content that they are studying and the relationship you establish with the students you work with.”

“Watching positive changes occur in my special education students.”

“Just satisfaction of helping a child out and seeing the expression on their faces.”

“Being a positive role model for children that don’t have that in their lives.”

“I work with a great team of kindergarten teachers and assistants.”

“Helping the children with work; listening.”

“I get the joy of knowing that I make or made a difference in that child’s day.”

“Same work schedule as my children who attend the same school district”

“When they give you that special hug or wink, you just know you’ve done something right.”

Please turn over for more information about learning to be a paraeducator.
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