

# PITT STATE PARA-2- TEACH

*Are you currently employed as a special education paraeducator? Are you seeking to complete your initial licensure teacher program?*

Pitt State's Para-2-Teach program:

Is an **online** program designed for working special education paraeducators.

Prepares paraeducators to teach students in **general education** and **special education** classrooms.

Leverages your *college credit hours* that will jump start your teaching career while balancing the demands of life.

Professional block courses at PSU can be completed in **two years**.

Is affordable; **Financial assistance** is available.

**Request More Information at:**

<https://bit.ly/pittpara2teach>



Para-2-Teach is designed for working special education professionals to earn their **Elementary Education Unified degree**.

Graduates are eligible for Kansas teaching **Licensure in Elementary Education Unified**

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## Para-2-Teach Program Steps in Admissions:

- Complete admission application for teacher education
- Submit recommendations from supervising special education teacher and other educational professional familiar with your work as a student or paraeducator
- Meet the basic skills requirement:
  - Meet the state minimum requirement on one of 3 approved assessments for paraeducators—ParaPro Assessment, Paraeducator Online Training (Master Teacher), or WorkKeys **OR**
  - ACT composite score of 22 or higher **OR**
  - ACT Subscores of Reading  $\geq 16$ , Writing  $\geq 6$ , and Math  $\geq 16$  **OR**
  - SAT combined score of 1120 or higher (for exams taken after March 2016) **OR**
  - Core scores of Reading  $\geq 156$ , Writing  $\geq 162$ , and Math  $\geq 142$  **OR**
  - Accuplacer scores of Reading  $\geq 255$ , Writing  $\geq 355$ , and Math  $\geq 263$
- Complete EDUC 261 Explorations in Education with minimum grade of "C"
- Complete module requirements (only for students transferring credit for EDUC 261)
- Earn a C or better in ENGL 101, ENGL 299, COMM 207, and 3 hours of Math (above remedial level).
- Cumulative GPA of 2.50
- Complete a statement of disclosure
- Submit verification of employment as a special education paraeducator for a minimum of one semester

## Pre-requisite Courses:

These courses can be taken at a community college or a college/university and transferred to **Pitt State!**

Candidates need to have completed 62 college credit hours, including the pre-requisite courses, prior to entering the Professional Blocks at **Pitt State**.

- English Composition (3)
- Intro to Research Writing (Comp II) (3)
- Speech Communication (3)
- Math (Math for Ed I, Algebra or Statistics) (3)
- American History (3)
- US Politics (3)
- Life Science (4)
- Physical Science (4)
- World Regional Geography (3)
- Fine Art (3)
- General Psychology (3)
- Developmental Psychology (or Lifespan Human Development) (3)
- Lifetime Fitness Concepts (or other Wellness course) (1-3)
- Economics (3)
- Explorations in Education (3)
- Overview of Inclusive Education (or Exceptional Child) (3)
- Children's Literature (3)

## Professional Block Courses Year 1:

Summer Semester 1:

- SPED 512 Char of Students in Inclusive Settings (3)
- Math 304 Mathematics for Education II (3)
- EDUC 320 Developing Curriculum for Elem Ed (3)

Fall Semester 1:

- EDUC 513 Inclusive Classroom Practices (3)
- EDUC 541 Elem Math Methods (3)
- EDUC 368 Effective Classroom Management (3)

Spring Semester 1:

- EDUC 345 Topics (Prof Dev I) (2)
- EDUC 371 Assessment and Eval For Elem Ed (3)
- EDUC 568 Elem Science/Soc Studies Methods (3)

## **Professional Block Courses Year 2:**

Summer Semester 2

- EDUC 531 Science of Reading I (3)
- EDUC 542 Integrating Creative Experiences (2)
- PSYCH 357 Educational Psychology (3)
- SPED 515 Positive Behavior Support (3)

Fall Semester 2

- EDUC 307 Clinical Experience (1)
- EDUC 345 Topics (Prof Dev II) (2)
- EDUC 544 Science of Reading II (3)
- SPED 516 Assessment in Special Education (2)

Spring Semester 2

- EDUC 458 Methods and Curriculum (3)
- EDUC 475 Supervised Clinical Experience (9)
- **Graduation!**