

Paraprofessional Certification Requirements

A paraprofessional is an individual with instructional duties who provides instructional support.

The State of Georgia ensures that it has professional standards for all paraprofessionals working in any school, including qualifications that were in place on the day before the date of enactment of the Every Student Succeeds Act. In Georgia, a paraprofessional employed by a Georgia LEA, must meet one of the following requirements:

- Degree

Hold an associate's degree or higher in any subject from a Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC)-accepted accredited institution; OR

- Coursework

Have completed two (2) years of college coursework (sixty [60] semester hours), at a grade of 'C,' or higher at a GaPSC- accepted accredited institution; OR

- State Approved Assessment

Have passed the GACE Paraprofessional Assessment. If eligibility is established through the assessment, the applicant must also hold a minimum of a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

All LEA paraprofessionals must hold a Clearance certificate.