

Program map for Paraeducator Certificate of Proficiency (COP)



2025-26

This certificate prepares graduates for entry-level employment with school districts. Graduates acquire skills needed to become an important member of the instructional team, learning instructional strategies, behavior management, human development and interpersonal skills in the context of a diverse society. The program includes hands-on experiences in schools. This program will help open doors to a rewarding career as a paraeducator.

[View this program in the LCC Catalog \(lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/programs/Education-COP-Paraeducator\)](https://lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/programs/Education-COP-Paraeducator)

See also

- [Degree Requirements for Teacher Education and Early Learning programs \(lowercolumbia.edu/programs/education\)](https://lowercolumbia.edu/programs/education)
- [Course descriptions in the LCC Catalog \(lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/courses\)](https://lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/courses)
- [Distribution lists in the LCC Catalog \(lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists\)](https://lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists)

Important: Many course sequences only begin in fall quarter. Check with your program advisor.

By Quarter Overview

First Quarter

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- ENGL& 101: English Composition I (5 credits)
 - *Placement Test or ENGL 99 C or better**
 - EDUC 246: Linguistically Diverse Education (3 credits)
 - EDUC 101: Paraeducator Basics (3 credits)
 - EDUC& 115: Child Development (5 credits)

**Pre- and/or co-requisite(s)*

Students seeking employment as paraeducators should take the Paraeducator Exam after EDUC& 101 (this is not a degree requirement).

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Second Quarter

- COLL 101: College Success (2 credits)
- EDUC 191: Field Experience I (5 credits)
- EDUC& 204: Inclusive Education-Birth through 21 Focus (5 credits)
- MATH& 131: Math for Elementary Educators (5 credits)
 - *Placement Test /MATH 88/89, 87/97 C or better**
- EDUC 246: Linguistically Diverse Education (3 credits)

**Pre- and/or co-requisite(s)*

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Third Quarter

- MATH& 132: Math for Elementary Educators II (5 credits)
 - *MATH& 131**
- EDUC 240: Diversity in Education (5 credits)
- EDUC& 205: Introduction to Education (5 credits)

**Pre- and co-requisite(s)*

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Detailed Class Sequence

1. English Composition 1

ENGL& 101 (5 credits)

*Pre- and/or co-requisite(s): Placement Test or ENGL 99 C or better**

2. Linguistically Diverse Education

EDUC 246 (3 credits)

3. Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Paraeducator Basics (3 credits)

4. Child Development

EDUC& 115 (5 credits)

5. College Success

Coll 101 (2 credits)

6. Inclusive Education-Birth through 21 Focus

EDUC& 204 (5 credits)

7. Math for Elementary Educators

MATH&131 (5 credits)

*Pre- and/or co-requisite(s): Placement Test /MATH 88/89, 87/97 C or better**

8. Linguistically Diverse Education

EDUC& 246 (3 credits)

9. Math for Elementary Educators II

Math&132 (5 credits)

*Pre- and/or co-requisite(s): MATH& 131**

10. Diversity in Education

EDUC& 240 (5 credits)

11. Introduction to Education

EDUC&205 (5 credits)