Paraeducator Program

The Paraeducator Certificate Program at WSU combines evidence based instructional practices with work-based learning opportunities to leverage theory and practice into a targeted training program for initial and experienced paraeducators to increase knowledge, skills, and application in classroom settings.

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Learn more on the Web:
https://weber.edu/teachered/paraeducatorcertificateprogram.html

WSU Student Support Services provides academic, financial, wellness, and technology resources for all enrolled students.
**Application Requirements**

- Desire to become a paraeducator,
- Complete Paraeducator Certificate application,
- Complete Weber State University application and enrollment processes,
- Show willingness to work with students who are from diverse backgrounds from one’s own,
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

- EDUC 1010 Exploring Teaching 3 credits
- EDUC 2010 Human Exceptionality 3 credits
- EDUC 2800 Instruction, Technology, Assessment, and Planning 3 credits
- EDUC 2820 Creating a Learning Environment 3 credits
- CHF 1500 Human Development 3 credits
- COMM 2110 Interpersonal and Small Group Communication 3 Credits

Many courses are offered in virtual, online, hybrid, and traditional formats.

"Paraeducators are the supporters and cheerleaders in classrooms. Without paraeducators it would be harder for everyone."

Individuals admitted to the Paraeducator Certificate Program are selected based on commitment to the education profession and willingness to serve all students.

Stackable Certificate

The Paraeducator Certificate Program within the Teacher Education Department at Weber State University is stackable degree. Students are able to earn the Paraeducator Certificate as a standalone achievement or part of a continuous career plan designed to connect to a teaching career and bachelor’s degree. High school students may begin taking some courses in the Career Pathway for Education. Others can begin taking courses at any time. The courses in the Paraeducator Certificate can apply to an associate degree. Eventually students are able to apply courses in the Paraeducator Certificate Program to a bachelor's degree and a Utah Teaching License in Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education. The Paraeducator Certificate can be completed in one to three semesters. Financial assistance may be available for eligible students.