



Course Overview

Teachers, related service providers, support staff, and parents need to communicate effectively to meet the diverse needs of all learners. This course focuses on the importance of building collaborative teams by providing learning experiences and activities designed to promote clear, consistent, and focused communication between teachers and paraprofessionals.

In this course, teachers will learn proactive strategies to train paraprofessionals to create positive, student focused teams. Teachers will also learn how to collaborate with paraprofessionals to bring forth ideas for providing feedback and making adjustments when needed. These lessons will be accomplished through various activities in the course, and at your school. This course provides tools for guiding conversations with paraprofessionals, related service providers, and parents. By the conclusion of this course, the participant will have more tools at their disposal to foster relationships, teamwork, and communication with students, other adults, and paraprofessionals.

PARA112: Working with Paras: Fostering Relationships, Teamwork, and Communication

Course Outline

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- 1.1 Welcome to the Course
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Session 2 – The Paraprofessional as a Collaborator

- 2.1 Session 2 Overview
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- 2.3 Planning and Scheduling

Session 3 – The Paraprofessional as a Communicator

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- 3.3 Giving and Receiving Feedback
- 3.4 Conflict Resolution
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- 4.1 Session 4 Overview
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Session 5 – Course Wrap-Up

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