





Paraprofessionals: Providing Classroom and Behavior Support

Course Overview

PARA311, *Paraprofessionals: Providing Classroom and Behavior Support,* will provide paraprofessionals with knowledge about classroom and behavior management. This course addresses a range resources and information to give paraprofessionals an understanding that will equip them to be more effective partners with teachers and to provide essential support to students.

"Para" means "along-side". The role of the paraprofessional is to work alongside a certified teacher to provide assistance and instructional support in the classroom.

Paraprofessionals, also referred to as teacher's aides or teacher's assistants, are an integral part of a school's instructional team. There are many ways the lead teacher can utilize the paraprofessional in the classroom, including classroom management, instructional support, record keeping, preparation of materials, and assist with communication to families.

This course will provide paraprofessionals with knowledge and tools that will allow them to assist both teachers and students in the classroom.

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Session 1 – Introduction

1.1 Welcome to the Course

- 1.1.1 Welcome
- 1.1.2 Course Objectives
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1.2 The Role of the Paraprofessional

- 1.2.1 The Role of the Paraprofessional: Assist and Support
- 1.2.2 Working with Others

Session 2 – Understanding Classroom Management

- 2.1 What is Classroom Management?
- 2.2 Assisting with Rules, Expectations, and Procedures
- 2.3 The Physical Environment
- 2.4 Classroom Supports

Session 3 – Behavior Management

- 3.1 What is Behavior Management?
- 3.2 Strategies for Behavior Management
- 3.3 Utilizing Effective Forms of Communication
- 3.4 The Culturally Responsive Classroom

Session 4 – Course Wrap-Up

- 4.1 Course Wrap-Up
- 4.2 Course Feedback Form
- 4.3 Course Completion