PARA318 - Paraprofessionals: Assistive Technology and Accessible Materials

About the Course

Assistive technology and accessible materials expand pathways for learning and growth in students with disabilities. After taking this **Assistive Technology and Accessible Materials** course, you will be able to define AT and describe how it can support students identified with disabilities. In addition, you will be able to identify different types of assistive technology and how they improve student outcomes. You will also be able to identify members of the Assistive Technology Team, who are responsible for the evaluation, implementation, and continued support of students using AT, in order to increase access to the general education curriculum. Finally, this course will help you understand the role of a paraprofessional in the implementation of AT for students identified with a disability.

About the Series

This course is in a series of online courses for paraprofessionals offered by Public Consulting Group. Paraprofessionals are an important part of the 21st century classroom.

As a paraprofessional, you can support quality classroom instruction, help maintain a positive learning environment for students, and provide added support for students who need special services. Whether you're just getting started as a paraprofessional, or you've been serving for many years, the courses in this series will give you practical, universal tips and strategies to be at your best in the classroom.

Course Outline

Introduction

- Welcome, Course Objectives, and Navigation
- Pre-Assessment
- Key Terms

Section 1: Defining Assistive Technology
- Section Overview
- The Definition of Assistive Technology
- What is Assistive Technology?
- Why is Assistive Technology Important?
- Assistive Technology in Action
- Quick Check: What Is and Isn't Assistive Technology?

Section 2: The Assistive Technology Team and Process
- Section Overview
- Assistive Technology Assessment
- The Assistive Technology Team
- The Role of the Teacher on the AT Team
- The Role of the Paraprofessional on the AT Team
- Understanding Your Local Assistive Technology Process

Section 3: Types of Assistive Technology
- Section Overview
- The Assistive Technology Continuum
- Low-Tech Assistive Technology
- Mid-Tech Assistive Technology
- High-Tech Assistive Technology
- Quick Check: Types of Assistive Technology

Section 4: The Paraprofessional's Role in Implementing Assistive Technology
- Section Overview
- Supporting Students with Assistive Technology
- Supporting Assistive Technology Implementation
- AAC Prompting Hierarchy
- Tips for Collecting Assistive Technology Data
- Data Collection with the SETT Framework
- Implementing the SETT Data Tool
- Tips for Supporting Assistive Technology Use

Closing Activities
- Post-Assessment
- Course Evaluation
- Course Completion