



- **HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO WORK IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM?**
- **WOULD YOU ENJOY BEING PART OF A TEAM THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE?**
- **DO YOU NEED YOUR GED®?**

What is a Paraprofessional?

The Virginia Department of Education defines a paraprofessional as a “...school employee who works under the supervision of a licensed staff member to assist in providing instruction and other services to children, youth, and families.”

- “Paras” work in a variety of instructional and non-instructional roles
- Paraprofessionals work in education settings ranging from preschool and daycare to adult vocational sites
- Paras are essential parts of a team, providing direct and indirect services to students with disabilities*

**from the The Virginia Paraprofessional Guide to Supervision and Collaboration with Paraprofessionals: A Partnership (June 2005)*

Highly Qualified Paras are in Great Demand!

All school systems in the Commonwealth of Virginia use paras. PRACEP is offering a 6-month intensive program aimed at training a select number of candidates to become certified paraprofessionals. Paras receive good benefits and job security, along with opportunities for career advancement.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS: This program requires a 6-month commitment. Priority will be given to candidates in need of completing their GED®. Recent GED® “graduates” will also be considered. Training will require a commitment of 6-8 hours/week, usually evenings with occasional Saturdays. Training is intensive and factors such as child-care, work schedules, and other commitments should be carefully considered prior to engaging with this program.

Successful PluggedIn Para completers will obtain:

- GED®
- Paraprofessional certification (based on passing the para exam)
- CPR & First Aid Certification
- Word Processing / Spreadsheet Certification
- Workplace and job search skills enabling candidates to seamlessly transition into the para role

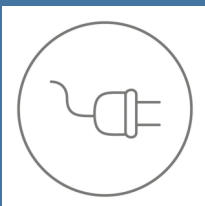
Apply to the Paraprofessional PluggedIn program at PRACEP!

PRACEP: The adult education division of the Virginia Department of Education serving Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties.

PluggedIn: A Virginia state-funded program offering an opportunity to receive training specifically designed so an individual can plug in to a career path upon successful completion.

All program fees and materials supplied by PRACEP

Application Deadline: October 1, 2018



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