

The Changing Role of the Paraeducator: How to Work Best Together with Educators*

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4:30-5:00 p.m. registration/dinner ♦ 5:00-7:00 p.m. workshop



The role of a paraeducator in the classroom has grown significantly in the last ten years. Most of this has happened without proper training on effective techniques in many educational practices that are included in the professional development training for the teachers, nurses, guidance counselors, and other certificated positions. Most of this is without providing guidance to case managers, classroom teachers, nurses and the paraeducator about how everyone should be working together.

This training will focus on the basics around the roles that each mentioned position above works on behalf of a Special Education student identified through PDE and through Labor Board decisions. We will also expound on effective communication techniques when working with students, parents, and other colleagues to help you to feel comfortable as you discuss difficult topics about student behaviors and progress.

Finally, we will also answer questions about different things that you are asked to do in the classroom so that you are able to do your best work for the students for which you work with and to also feel like you are using appropriate educational practices to handle those situations as you all work together to accomplish doing your most effective work.

***Paraprofessionals**, if taking this workshop for the hours, it is recommended that you obtain pre-approval from your employer to ensure the hours will be accepted.

Members with teaching certificate, if you provide your PPID #, you will receive 2 Act 48 hours for this workshop.

Pre-registration is required!

Register online (www.psea.org/er/rcpe)
or via e-mail (e-rgn@psea.org).

RSVP no later than October 13, 2025

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