

*Augusta State University*  
*Early Childhood Education Paraprofessional Track*

The Department of Teacher Education has implemented a track for students seeking a degree and certification in early childhood education who are working as full time paraprofessionals. The coursework for this track as well as the requirements are identical to the full traditional track offered. However, classes for the paraprofessional track are offered in the evening and summer. Field assignments for these classes are completed in the paraprofessional's home school in a variety of grades during the course of the semester. Those interested in the paraprofessional track must be employed in an elementary school locally and must have a signed letter of support from the principal stating the school's willingness to allow the paraprofessional time to complete field assigned teaching during the school day. All other admission requirements are the same as any other student seeking admission to the department of Teacher Education.

*Paraprofessional Apprenticeship Requirements*

In addition to the requirements for the traditional apprenticeship, the following are requirements for paraprofessionals wanting to be placed in apprenticeship in the school in which they are working:

The student must:

- Have the written approval of the building administrator
- Teach full day for at least fifteen consecutive school days
- Teach all subjects (Mathematics, Language Arts, Reading, Social Studies, and Science)
- Teach at least one full day in a Pre-K or Kindergarten class; one full day in a first, second, or third grade class; and one full day in a fourth or fifth grade class; at least one observation must be made during one of these experiences
- Have at least one observation by the school administrator (or designee)
- At least 1 observation by two teachers who have never worked with the paraprofessional
- At least 3 observations by the University Supervisor

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[http://www.aug.edu/teacher\\_admission/listCOEadv.pdf](http://www.aug.edu/teacher_admission/listCOEadv.pdf)

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