

Washington State Educator Electronic Certificate System (E-Certification)

Paraeducator User Guide

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Welcome

Welcome to the Washington State Educator Electronic Certification System (E-Certification). This user guide will help Paraeducators navigate through E-Certification. Once logged into the system, Paraeducators will be able to edit their profile and view credentials, in addition to many other functions.

To Begin – Select this link: https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us



First-time User: Select the "Create an Account" Tab



Returning Users: Sign In or claim an existing account (to claim an existing account, the user will need to complete the 'Required Login Information' and the 'Data for Linking to a Certificate' information. It's possible you may have an account even if you have not yet been issued a certificate. If you've never signed into EDS, please fill out as much information as possible in this section).

Home Page

Once a Paraeducator has logged into their E-Certification record, their home page is launched. At the top of the home page, there are four tabs: Home, My Credentials, Educator and Help. 'Home' will navigate the Paraeducator to the home screen, 'My Credentials' will display credential information, 'Educator' will display available options, and 'Help' provides contact information for user assistance.



Welcome Educator

Under the 'Welcome Educator' heading, there may be system messages posted for the users view.



View Your Credentials Here

The Paraeducator will find this link on their home page and it will navigate the Paraeducator to their credential screen, the 'My Credentials' tab and 'View your Credentials Here' link display the same functions. This will be shown in detail in the next few pages.



On the home page, there are links that are applicable to the Paraeducator's status. For example, when it is time for a Paraeducator to renew their certificate, a notice will appear on their home page with a link navigating them to a wizard, which will help complete the necessary process.

While there are several different scenarios and several certificates, this user guide will focus on Paraeducator Certificates.

Each application corresponds with a wizard. A wizard is a step-by-step guide helping the Paraeducator through processing the application. The wizard is intuitive and the Paraeducator will notice some steps are the same in different wizards.

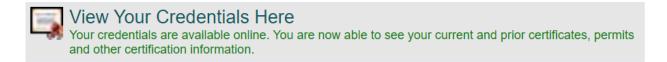
Wizards throughout the system follow the same basic format. There are drop-down arrows in some fields, numeric answers only in some fields, while most fields are required. If any Paraeducator does not fill out a required field (marked with a red asterisk), an error message will be displayed instructing the Paraeducator what is needed to complete the application.

Wizards will direct the user if it is a multiple step wizard by showing buttons at the bottom, such as Next.

Each wizard will also allow the Paraeducator to cancel the application process by selecting on the Cancel radio button at the bottom of the wizard.

View Your Credentials Here

By selecting this link, the Paraeducator can view their current and prior certification information.



Once the Paraeducator selects the 'View Your Credentials Here' link, they are navigated to the Credentials screen. The top of the screen displays the user's primary, contact, and miscellaneous information.

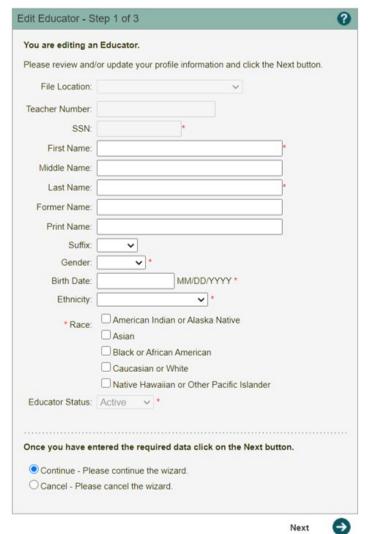


Edit Educator Information

A Paraeducator can change their information by selecting the 'Click Here to Edit Educator' link. A three-step wizard is launched navigating the Paraeducator through each step.

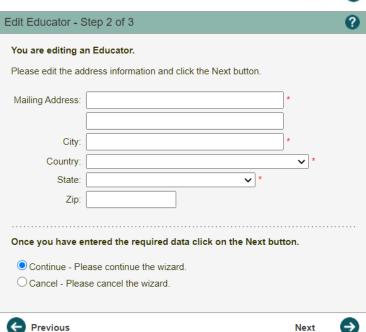
Step 1 allows the Paraeducator to change any profile information. For purposes of privacy, most information in the field boxes has been removed. Note the red asterisks on some of the fields. There are also drop-down arrows and when selected the system displays a list from which the Paraeducator can choose the applicable answer. Once changes have been made, the Paraeducator will select Next at the bottom of the page

- Fill out all required fields.
- Follow date format when entering date.
- To terminate the wizard, select Cancel.
- Select Next to continue.



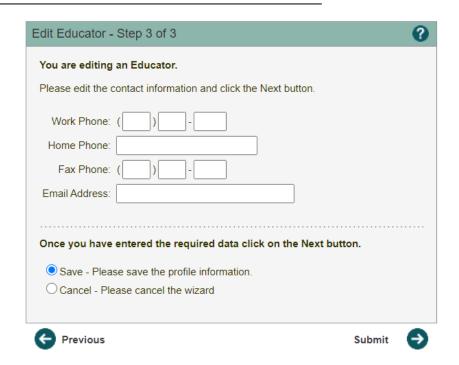
Step 2 allows the Paraeducator to make changes to their address if applicable. Once changes have been made, the Paraeducator will select Next.

- Fill out all required fields.
- Click on the drop-down arrows to select applicable answer.
- To terminate the wizard, select Cancel.
- Select Next to continue.



Step 3 allows the Paraeducator to change any contact information. Once changes have been made, the Paraeducator selects Submit.

- Follow numeric format when entering phone numbers.
- To terminate the wizard, select Cancel.
- To return to the previous screen, select Previous.
- Select Submit to save Paraeducator Information.



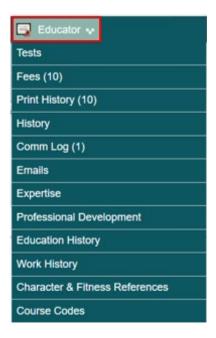
The second part of the Credentials screen displays the Paraeducator's Applications, Certificates, Endorsements, and Deficiencies for Selected Certificates.

Note: By choosing Select under Certificates, the associated endorsements and deficiencies will display in the appropriate labeled section.



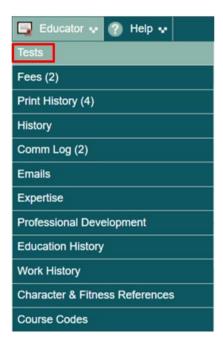
Educator Menu

On the Credentials screen, there are four tabs *Home, My Credentials, Educator, and Help. Home* will return to the home page, *My Credentials* will take the user to their Credentials screen, *Educator* will launch a menu with information pertinent to the Paraeducator's data, and *Help* displays contact information for user assistance.



Tests

To view the tests, the user selects the link, Tests.

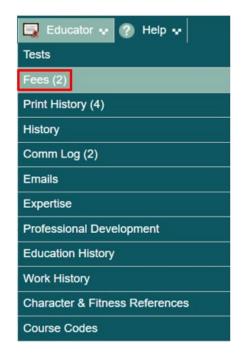


This action will launch the *Tests* section. The user can view added test information. The testing information is imported by an E-Certification Specialist or College/University Specialist. The Paraeducator cannot modify or delete testing data. This is a view only screen.



Fees

The Paraeducator can view fees they have submitted for applications. By selecting the *Fees* link, the fees table is launched. The Paraeducator cannot modify or delete fee data. This is a view only screen.



| rees | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----|------|-------|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| View | ID | Method | Fee | App ID | Арр | Auth | Batch | Return Reason | Amount | Balance | Returned? |
| View | 241973 | CC2 | GENPARA | 1191160 | GPE | | | | 74.00 | 0.00 | No |

Note: You cannot edit or delete fees that are associated with a certificate or endorsement or have been batched. You cannot return fees that have not been batched.

Print History

By selecting the *Print History* link, the Paraeducator can view a PDF copy of their certificate or any deficiency letter pertaining to their certification.

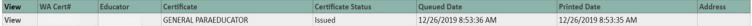


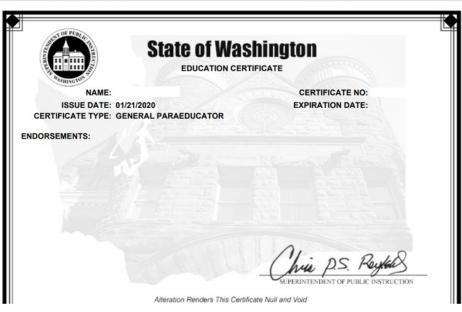
Print History Information

Certificate Print History

| View | WA Cert# | Educator | Certificate | Certificate Status | Queued Date | Printed Date | Address |
|------|----------|----------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| View | | | SPECIAL EDUCATION SUBJECT MATTER PARAEDUCATOR | Issued | 9/25/2019 10:37:03 AM | 9/26/2019 6:05:50 AM | |
| View | | | GENERAL PARAEDUCATOR | Issued | 1/21/2020 1:31:10 PM | 1/22/2020 6:05:53 AM | |

Deficiency/Letter Print History

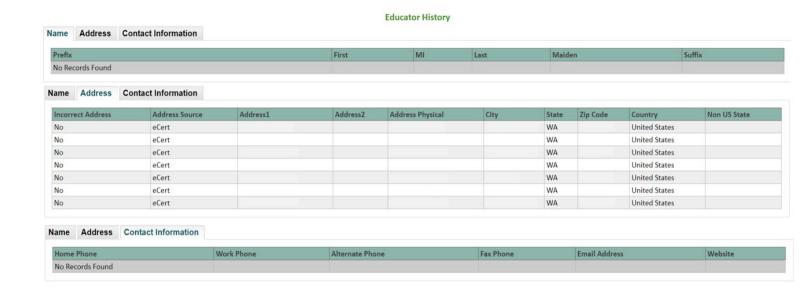




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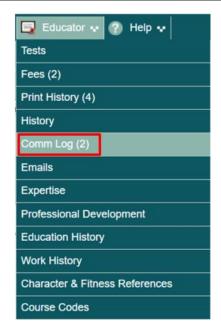
By selecting the *History* link, the Paraeducator can view their personal information such as Name, Address, and Contact Information.





Communication Log

Comm log table will display any notes pertaining to the Paraeducator, if applicable. By selecting the Comm Log link, the Communication Logs table is displayed.

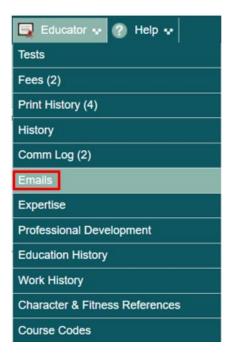


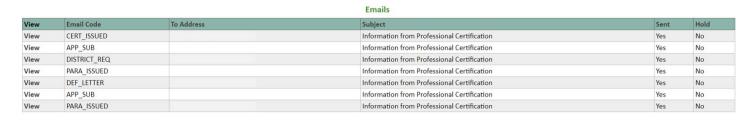
Communication Logs



Emails

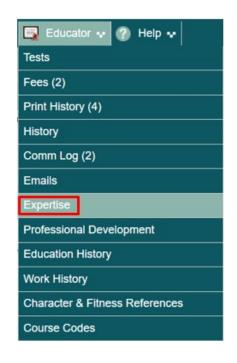
Emails will display automatic or prompted emails sent from the E-Certification system with certificate information. By selecting the emails link, any emails pertaining to the Paraeducator, if applicable, will display.





Expertise

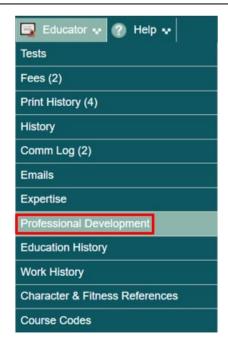
By selecting the *Expertise* link, the Expertise Information table will display. Information entered to E-Certification displays Paraeducator's area of expertise.



Source Status Endorsement Grade Expires

Professional Development

By selecting the *Professional Development* link, Paraeducators can view their professional development credits. In addition, Paraeducators can add, edit and delete professional development information.



Add Professional Development

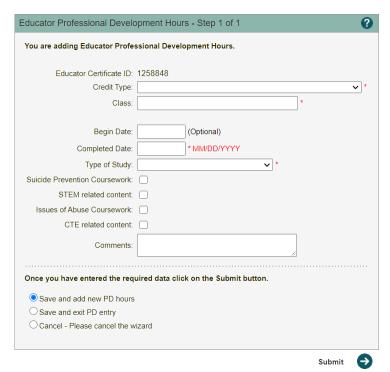
To Add Professional Development hours, select the link, Click Here to Add Professional Development Hours. If you have pdEnroller classes, data will appear in this section highlighted in blue. Paraeducators cannot modify or delete pdEnroller data.

** NOTE: The Fundamental Course of Study is entered as one 28 clock hour course. Paraeducators will choose "paraeducator fundamental course of study" for credit type. Documentation of the completed Fundamental Course of Study can be uploaded as part of an application for certification or emailed to cert@k12.wa.us **



This action will launch the Professional Development Hours wizard. The Paraeducator will enter all required information. The required information is symbolized with a red asterisk.

- Enter information in all required fields.
- Select the drop-down arrow to choose applicable answer.
- Use the specified format for entering dates.
- To terminate the wizard, select Cancel.
- To add multiple Professional Development Hours, select Save and add new PD hours, select Submit.
- To save Professional Development hours, select Save and exit PD entry, select Submit.



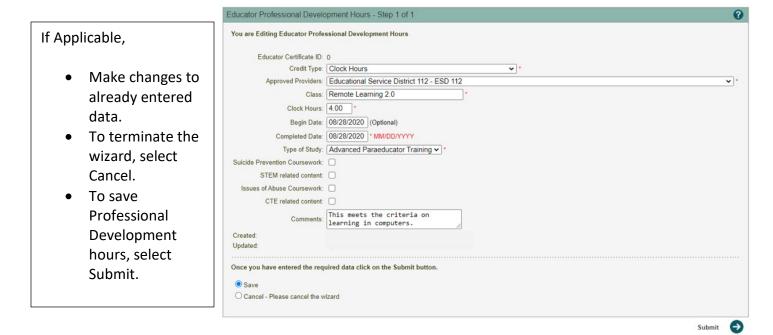
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To edit an existing entry, select the Edit link. Once information has been changed, select Submit. The Paraeducator can also delete an entry. By selecting the Delete link, the entry will be removed from E-Certification.



Edit Educator Professional Development Hours

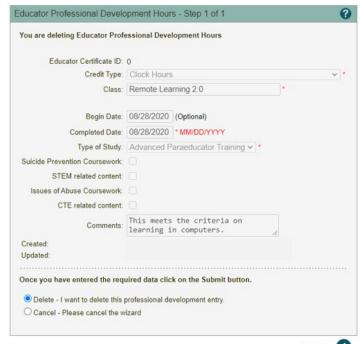
By selecting the Edit link, the Educator Professional Development Hours wizard is launched.



Delete Educator Professional Development Hours

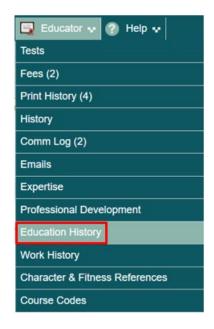
By selecting the *Delete* link, the Educator Professional Development Hours wizard is launched.

- Review information to verify deletion.
- To terminate the wizard, select Cancel.
- To delete Professional Development Hours, select Submit.



Education History

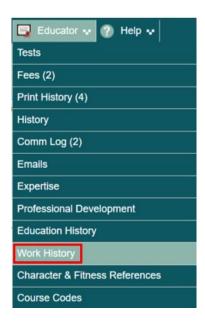
By selecting Education History, Paraeducator education history will display, if applicable.





Work History

By selecting Work History, Paraeducator Work History will display, if applicable.





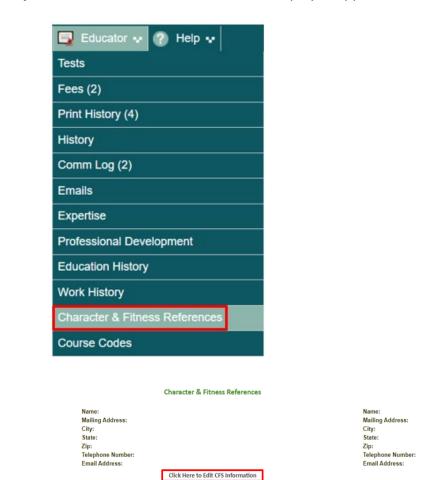
Character & Fitness References

Name: Mailing Address:

Email Address:

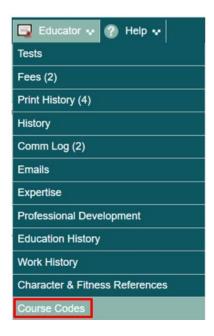
City: State:

By selecting Character & Fitness Reference, Paraeducator references will display, if applicable.



Course Codes

By selecting *Course Codes*, information is provided to identify which state course codes can be taught by each endorsement area, if applicable.



Paraeducator Certificate Options

Once Paraeducator Fundamental Course of Study has been added to the Professional Development section, on the Paraeducator's Home Page, the *Apply For Your Paraeducator Certificate Here* link will display.

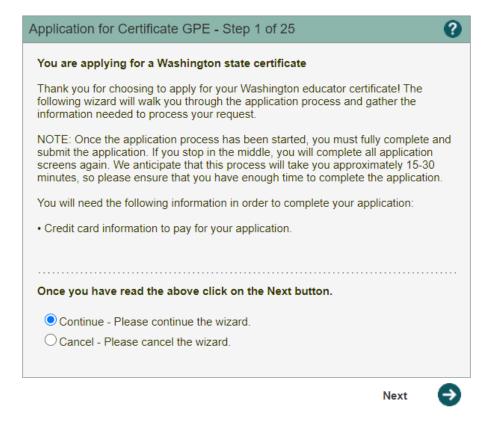
By selecting this link, Paraeducator Certificate Application information will display.

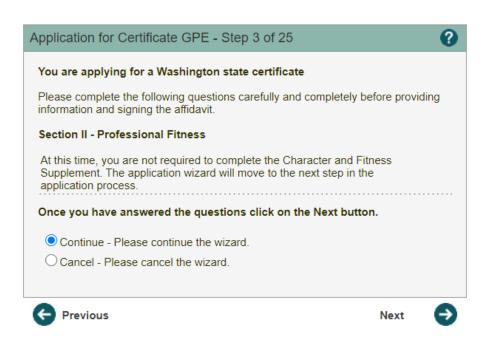


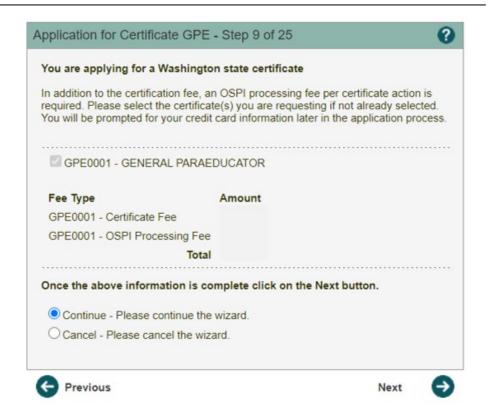
Available Paraeducator application options will become available as Paraeducator certificate requirements are met.

| Paraeducator Certificate Application Information | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Paraeducator Certificate Application Information | | | | | | | | |
| Certificate | Fundamental Course of Study Completion Date | Qualifying Existing Certificate | Qualifying Professional Development Hours | Apply | | | | |
| GPE0001 - General Paraeducator | 09/06/2018 | No | 222.00 of 70 required hours | Apply For Credential | | | | |
| SMPE001 - ELL Subject Matter Paraeducator | 09/06/2018 | N/A | 0.00 of 20 required hours | Application not available | | | | |
| SMPE002 - SPED Subject Matter Paraeducator | 09/06/2018 | N/A | 29.00 of 20 required hours | Apply For Credential | | | | |
| APE0001 - Advanced Paraeducator | 09/06/2018 | No | 0.00 of 75 required hours | Application not available | | | | |

General Paraeducator Application



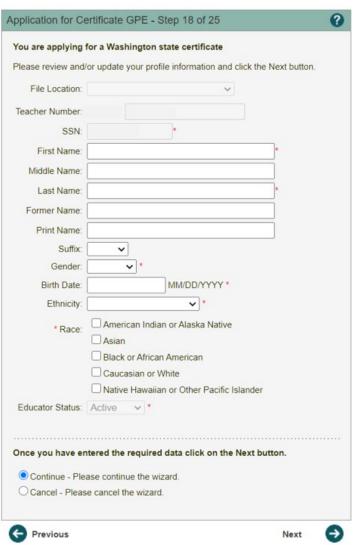


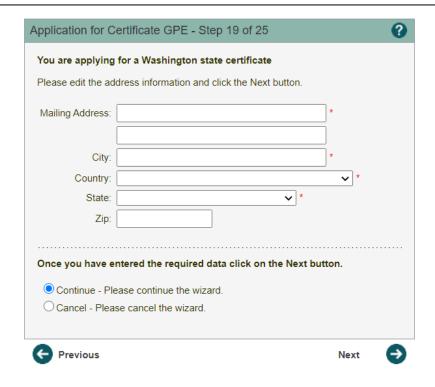


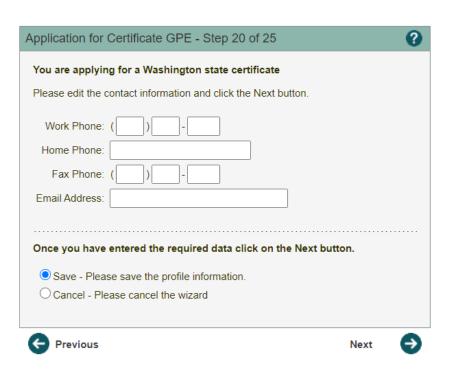
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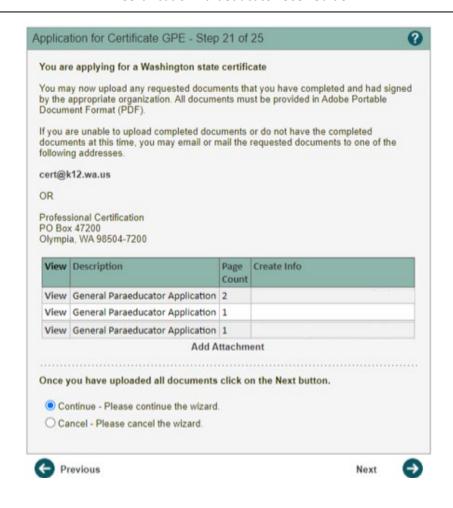


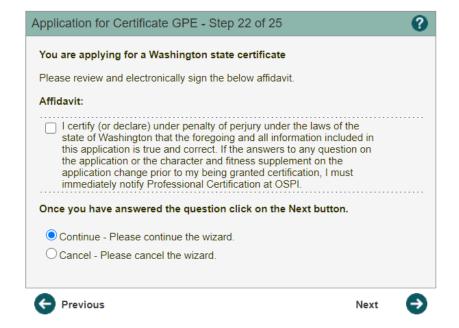


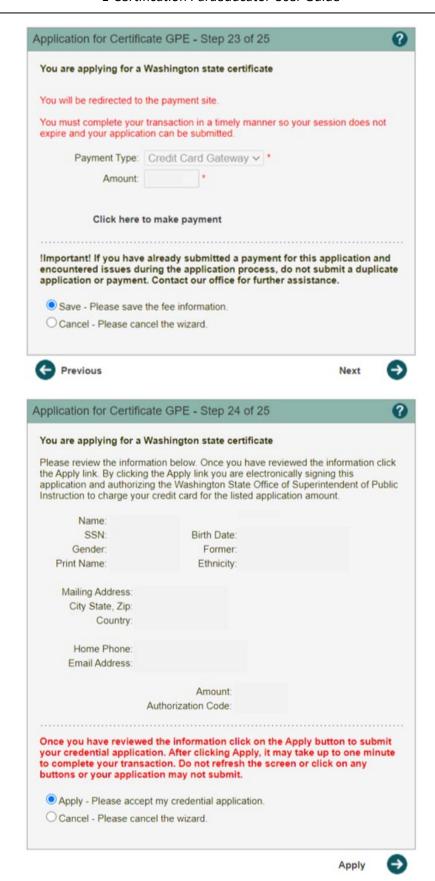


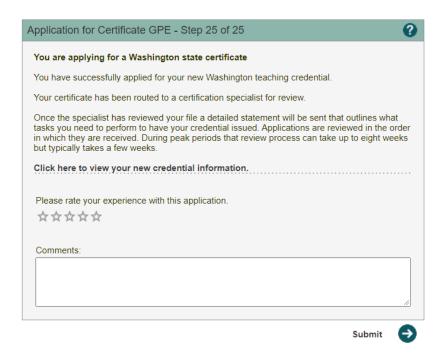






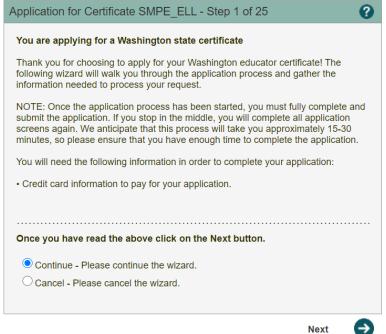


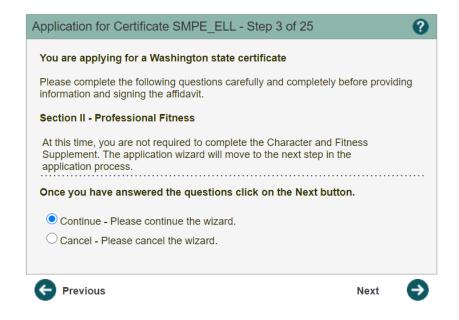


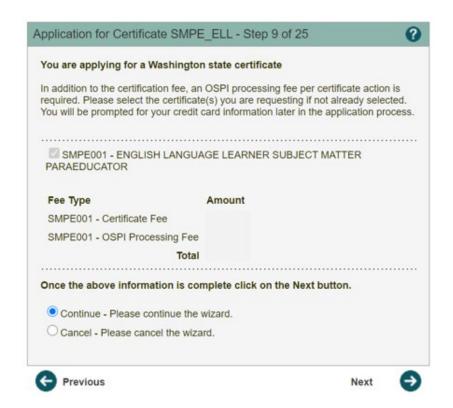


English Language Learner Subject Matter Paraeducator Application

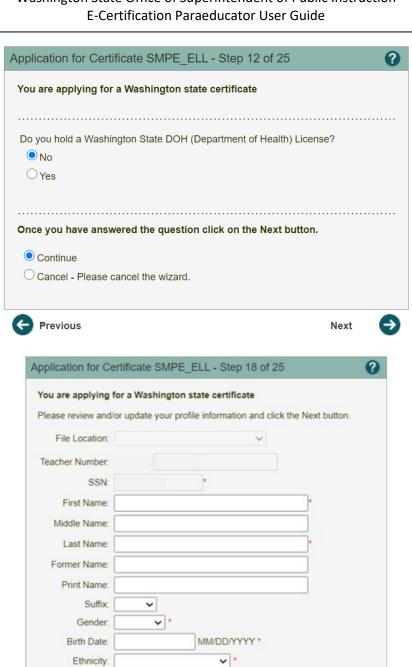
** For availability of this application, Paraeducator's will need to identify the required hours related to English Language Learner Content. This information will need to be logged in Professional Development and choosing the appropriate 'Type of Study' in the drop-down choices. The selection will need to be identified as English Lang. Learner Content **







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American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Next

Black or African American Caucasian or White

Once you have entered the required data click on the Next button.

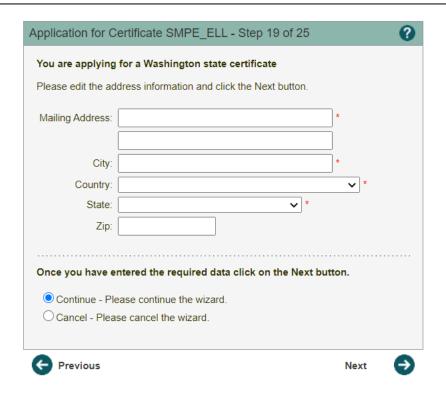
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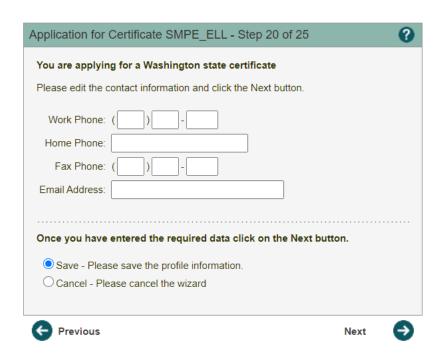
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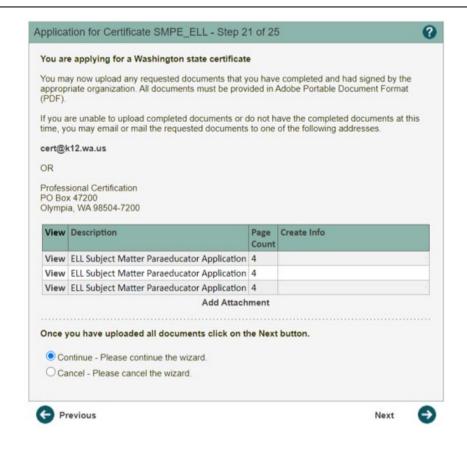
Previous

Asian

 Continue - Please continue the wizard. O Cancel - Please cancel the wizard.

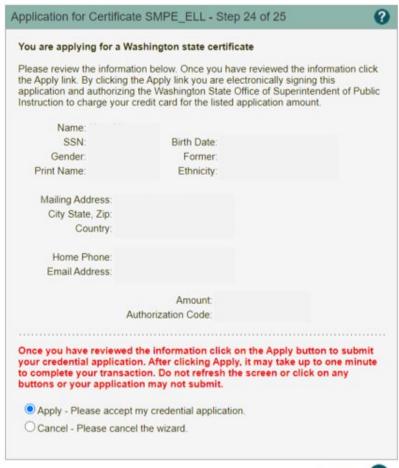




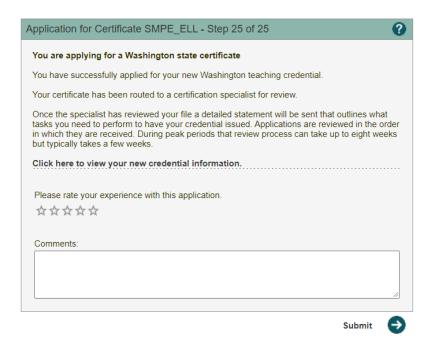






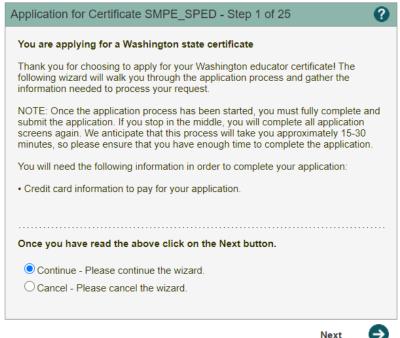


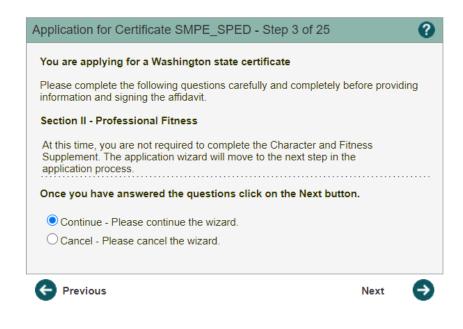
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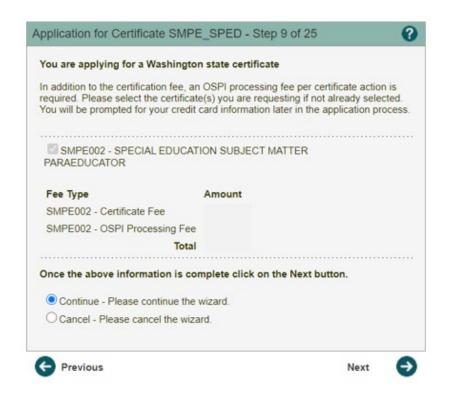


Special Education Subject Matter Paraeducator Application

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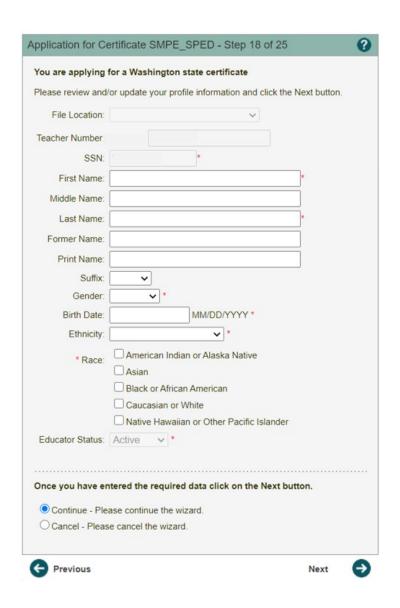


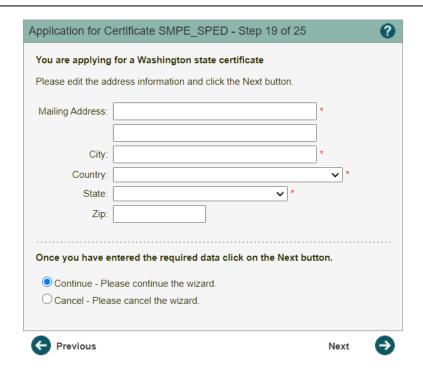


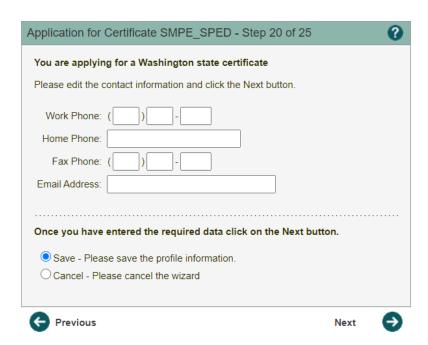


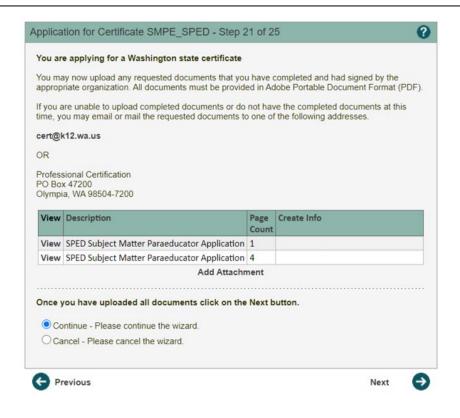
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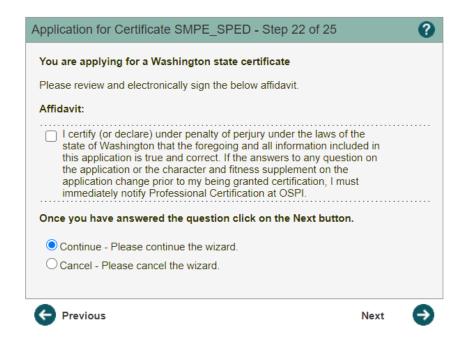


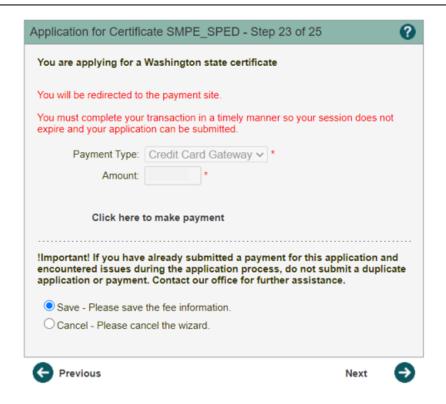


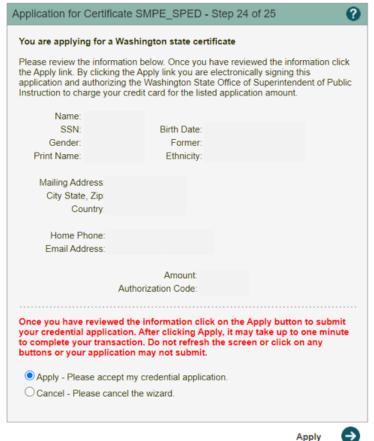


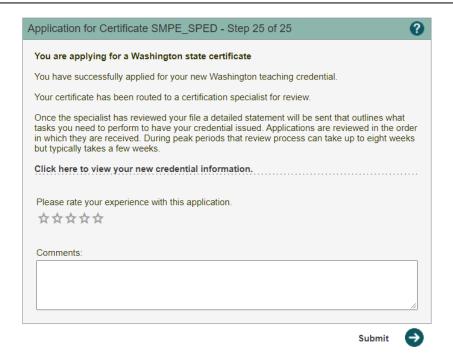






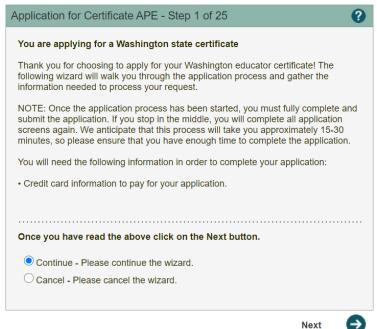


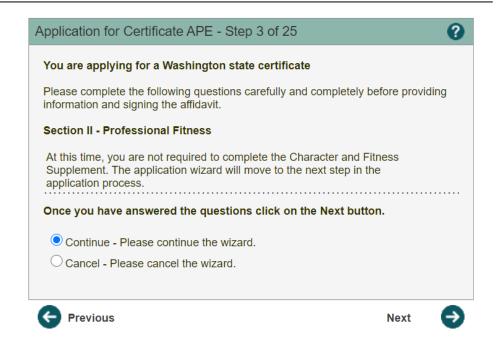


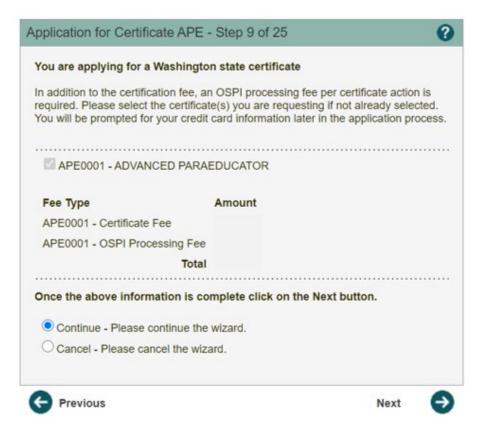


Advanced Paraeducator Application

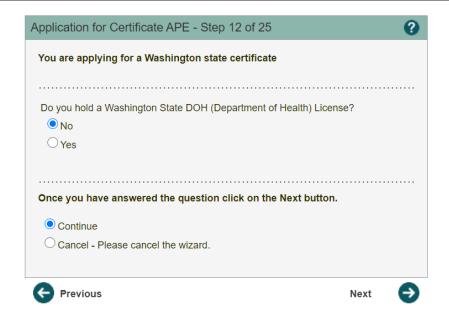
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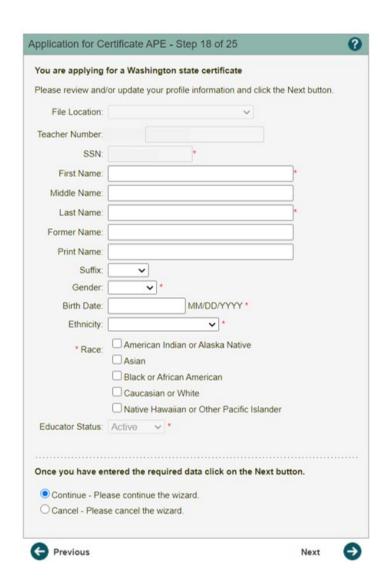


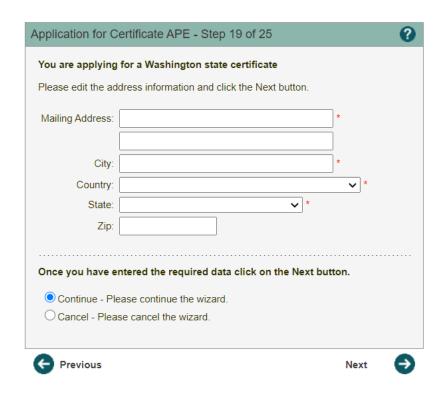


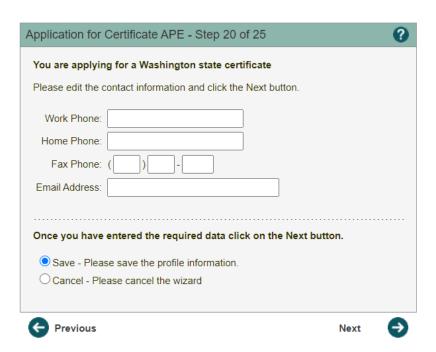


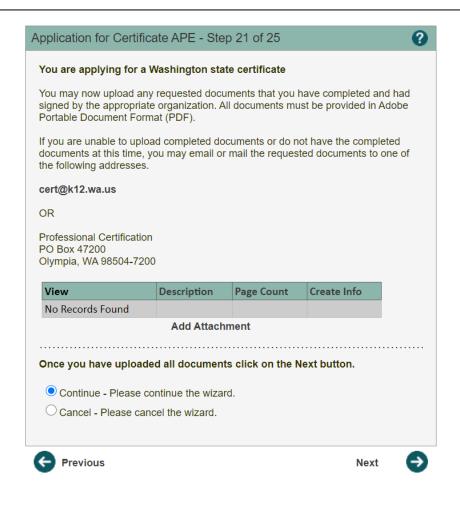
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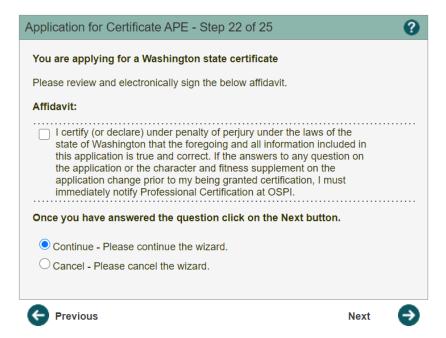


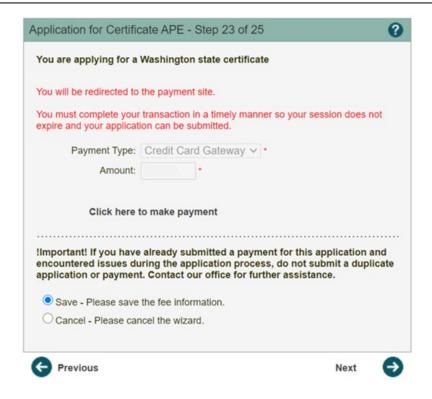




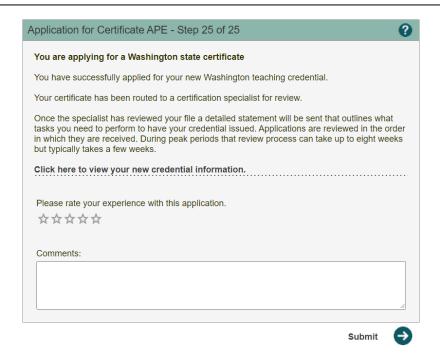












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