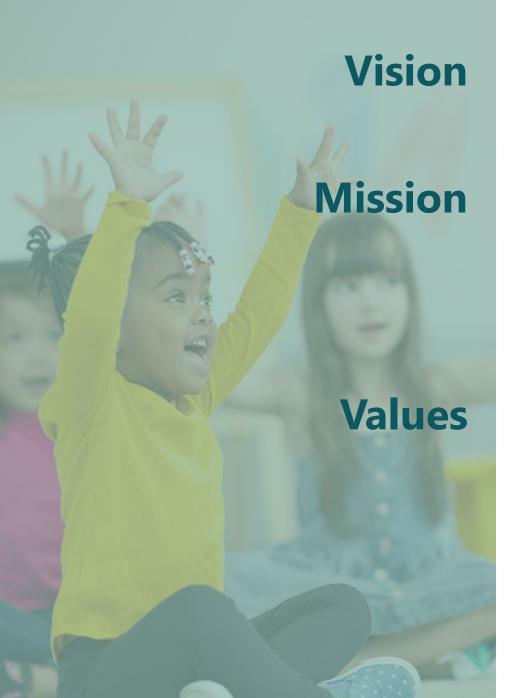
## Paraeducator 101

**Professional Certification Department** 





All students prepared for post-secondary pathways, careers, and civic engagement.

Transform K–12 education to a system that is centered on closing opportunity gaps and is characterized by high expectations for all students and educators. We achieve this by developing equity-based policies and supports that empower educators, families, and communities.

- Ensuring Equity
- Collaboration and Service
- Achieving Excellence through Continuous Improvement
- Focus on the Whole Child



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#### **Equity Statement**

Each student, family, and community possesses strengths and cultural knowledge that benefits their peers, educators, and schools.

Ensuring educational equity:

- Goes beyond equality; it requires education leaders to examine the ways current policies and practices result in disparate outcomes for our students of color, students living in poverty, students receiving special education and English Learner services, students who identify as LGBTQ+, and highly mobile student populations.
- Requires education leaders to develop an understanding of historical contexts; engage students, families, and community representatives as partners in decision-making; and actively dismantle systemic barriers, replacing them with policies and practices that ensure all students have access to the instruction and support they need to succeed in our schools.



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#### Tribal Land Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge the Indigenous people who have stewarded this land since time immemorial and who still inhabit the area today, the Steh-Chass Band of Indigenous people of the Squaxin Island Tribe.





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Agency Overview





#### **Professional Educator Standards Board** (PESB)

Establishes policies and requirements for the preparation and certification of education professionals

#### Paraeducator Board, PESB paraboard@k12.wa.us

Oversees the Paraeducator Certificate Program

Establishes policies and professional development requirements of paraeducators



## Agency Overview



#### Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Oversees public K–12 education in Washington State



#### **Professional Certification Department OSPI**

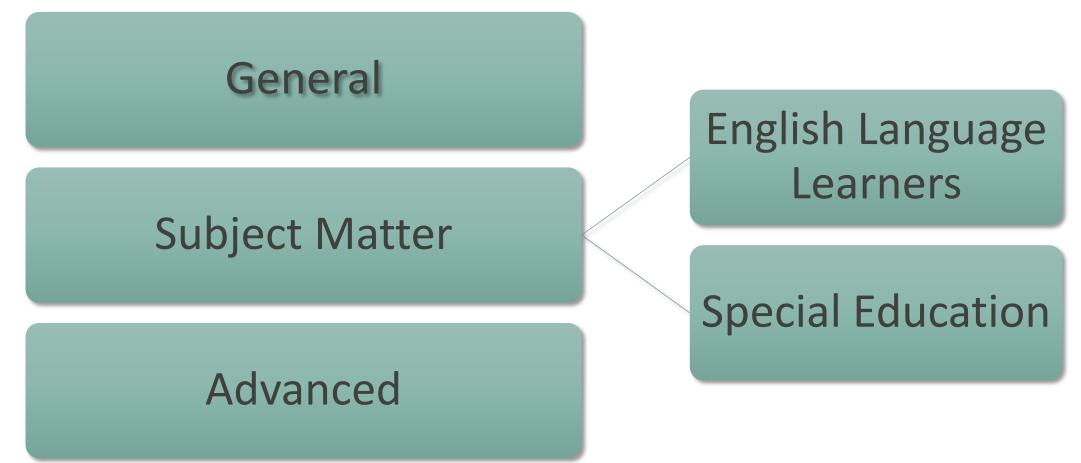
Implements policies and requirements set by the PESB

Reviews and processes K-12 educator certificate applications

- Administrators
- Educational Staff Associates
- Paraeducators
- Teachers



#### Certificate Requirements Paraeducator Certificate Types





### Certificate Requirements Fundamental Course of Study (FCS)

**28** clock hour course consisting of 12 units

Enter as **one course** in Clock Hours section of eCert when complete

Application list for paraeducator certificates **becomes available** once the FCS has been correctly entered in eCert



#### Certificate Requirements General Paraeducator Certificate

#### Fundamental Course of Study (FCS)

70 additional clock hours or equivalent

Subject Matter Cert trainings count towards 70 hours

One **Professional Growth Plan** (PGP) can be used

Valid for life

Educators holding a valid, full certificate only need to complete **FCS** 



#### Certificate Requirements Subject Matter: English Language Learner

**First Issue:** FCS + 20 clock hours or equivalent

PLUS Hosted by <u>Professional</u> <u>Learning US</u> [https://professionallearning.us/]

**Renewal:** 20 Clock hours or equivalent

Valid for **five** years

Educators holding a valid, full teacher certificate with **English Language Learner** or **Bilingual Education** endorsement only need to complete the FCS



### Certificate Requirements Subject Matter: Special Education

First Issue: FCS + 20 clock hours or equivalent

PLUS Hosted by <u>Professional</u> <u>Learning US</u> [https://professionallearning.us/]

**Renewal:** 20 Clock hours or equivalent

Valid for five years

Educators holding a valid, full teacher certificate with **Special Education** or **Early Childhood Special Education** endorsement only need to complete the FCS



#### Certificate Requirements Advanced Paraeducator Certificate

**First Issue:** FCS + 75 clock hours or equivalent related to the duties of an advanced Paraeducator

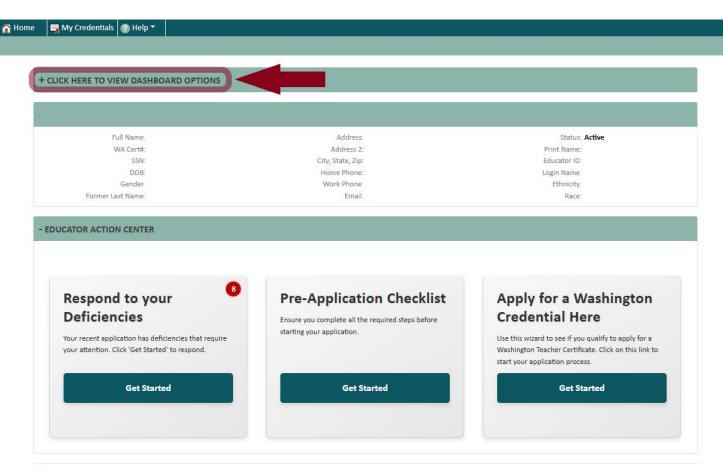
Clock hours for the Advanced Certificate must be earned from the **date of issuance** of the General Certificate

Renewal: 30 clock hours or equivalent



## Adding Clock Hours

Select "+ Click Here to View Dashboard Options" to access the Clock Hours tile

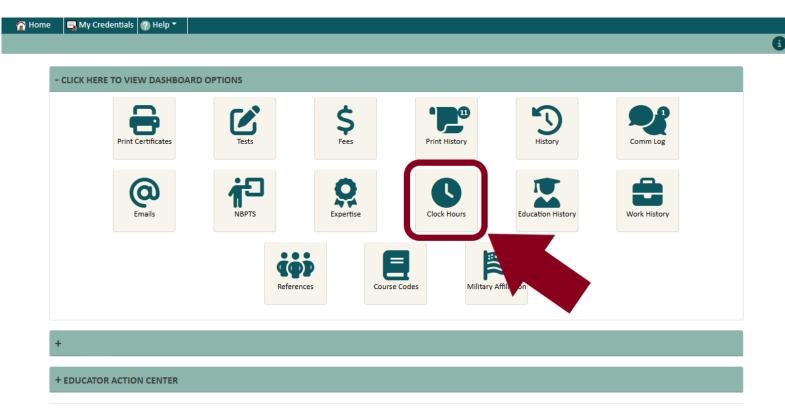


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## Adding Clock Hours

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## Adding Clock Hours

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## Adding Clock Hours Fundamental Course of Study

- 1) Enter **Begin** and **Completed Dates**
- Select "Paraeducator Fundamental Course of Study" for Professional Development Type
  - *Note:* All 12 units will be logged as one 28-hour course
- 3) Click "Next"

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		O Quarter Credit	
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		Paraeducator Fundamental Course of Study	
		O Continuing Education Units - CEU	
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## Adding Clock Hours Fundamental Course of Study

- 1) Enter information:
  - City
  - State
  - Organization/Company
  - Class Name
- 2) Click "Next"

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## Adding Clock Hours Fundamental Course of Study

- 1) Select the **Type of Study**: General Study (Other)
- 2) Skip/ignore Issues of Abuse check box for this entry
- Add any comments (optional)
- 4) Click "Save"

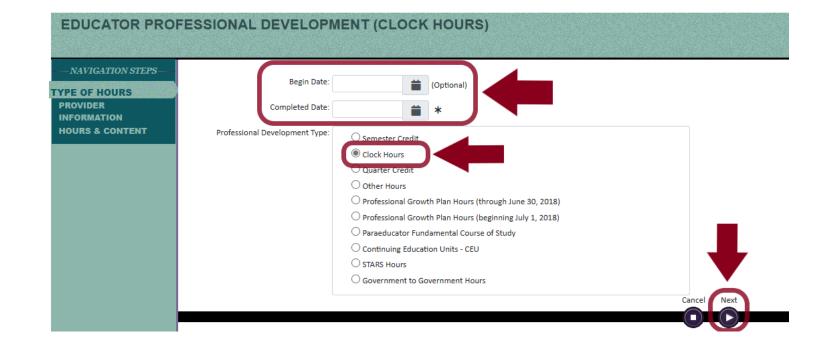
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## Adding Clock Hours Subject Matter Clock Hours

- 1) Enter **Begin** and **Completed Dates**
- Select "Clock Hours" for Professional Development Type
  - Note: This can be one entry or multiple entries depending on whether all 20 hours were completed with one course
- 3) Click "Next"





## Adding Clock Hours Subject Matter Clock Hours

EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CLOCK HOURS

- 1) Enter information:
  - Approved Provider
  - Class Name
- 2) Click "Next"

TYPE OF HOURS	Approved Provider:		*		
ROVIDER INFORMATION HOURS & CONTENT	Class Name:	*		Back Cancel Next	



## Adding Clock Hours Subject Matter Clock Hours

- 1) Enter information:
  - Clock Hours
    - Note: Skip/ignore
      STEM, Equity, and
      Leadership Hours
  - Type of Study:
    - English Lang. Learner
      Content
    - Special Education
      Content
- 2) Skip/ignore Suicide Prevention and Issues of Abuse check boxes
- 3) Add any comments (optional)
- 4) Click "Save"



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## Adding Clock Hours General Clock Hours or College Credit

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- 1) Enter **Begin** and **Completed Dates**
- 2) Select the appropriateProfessional DevelopmentType
- 3) Click "Next"

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## Adding Clock Hours General Clock Hours or College Credit

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- 1) Enter information:
  - Approved Provider
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- 2) Click "Next"

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### Adding Clock Hours General Clock Hours or College Credit

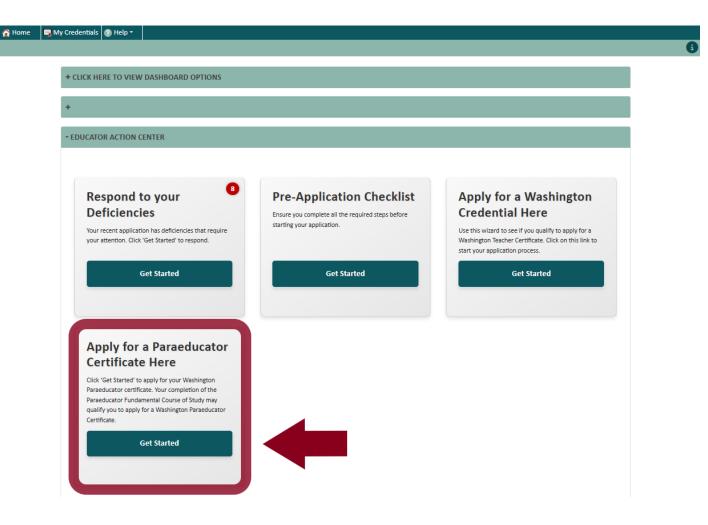
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- 1) Enter information:
  - Number of **Clock Hours**
  - Enter STEM, Equity, and/or Leadership Hours accordingly
  - Select Type of Study
  - Select Suicide Prevention and/or Issues of Abuse check boxes accordingly
  - Add any comments (optional)
- 2) Click "Save"

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Once the FCS is logged, the Paraeducator Certificate Application option appears in the Educator Action Center section of eCert





Applications become available as requirements are met: This educator is *not yet* eligible because they haven't logged the required clock hours yet

		Paraeducator Cer	tificate Application Info	ormation			
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APE0001 - Advanced Paraedu	cator (	04/08/2025	No	0.00 of	75 required hou	rs	Application not available
		Paraeducator Ce	rtificate Renewal Infor	mation			
Certificate	Status	Clock Hours Required	Clock Hours Logged		Issue Date	Expire Dat	e Renew
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Applications become available as requirements are met: This educator logged the FCS + 70 clock hours and can now apply for the General Paraeducator Certificate

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#### **Qualifying Existing Certificate:**

This simply notes whether you are eligible based on current certificates you hold

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Paraeducator Certifica	ite Appl	ication Information						
		Paraeducator Certific	ate Application Inform	ation				
Certificate	Fu Da	ndamental Course of Study Completion te	Qualifying Existing Certificate	Qualify Hours	ving Professional Deve	elopment	Apply	
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#### Documentation



All forms and documents must be in Portable Document Format (PDF) to be uploaded into the eCert system



Email PDF to: cert@k12.wa.us



Upload PDF directly into eCert while applying for a Paraeducator Certificate





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#### CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS (CLOCK HOURS) FUNDAMENTAL COURSE OF STUDY

Use this form to verify continuing education credit hours (clock hours) for completing units of the Fundamental Course of Study (FCS) or completing the entire course.

WAC 181-85-033(11) Individuals who complete the Paraeducator Fundamental Course of Study as described in chapter 179-09 WAC are eligible for the number of continuing education credit hours completed up to twenty-eight continuing education credit hours unless they are issued these continuing education credit hours by a state-approved in-service education agency.

#### SECTION I

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT						
1. NAME: LAST FIRST MIDDLE MAIDENFORMER NAME						
2. ADDRESS: 3. DATE OF BIRTH:						
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (OPTIONAL):					
5. TELEPHONE: BUSINESS HOME	6. E-MAIL:					
7. PERIOD DURING WHICH CLOCK HOURS WERE EARNED	то					
Check the FCS units completed during this period, or check	that you have completed the FCS.					
FCS01: Introduction to Cultural Identity and Diversity  FCS02: Methods of Educational and Instructional Support  FCS03: Technology Basics  FCS04: Using and Collecting Data  FCS05: District Orientation of Roles and  Responsibilities  FCS06: Equity	FCS07: Behavior management strategies including de-escalation techniques FCS08: Child and Adolescent Development FCS09: Emergency and Health Safety FCS10: Positive and Safe Learning Environment FCS11: Communication Basics FCS12: Communication Challenges					
If checked, the individual above has completed all units as required to meet the FCS training.						
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.						
Signature:	Date:					

#### SECTION 2

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROVIDER/DISTRICT					
This statement MUST be prepared by the college/school district/approved private school/agency authorized to verify continuing education credit hours (clock hours) per WAC 181-85-033, as claimed by the applicant in Section 1 item #7 above. When signed by the authorized institution/employer, this form serves as verification that the person listed in Section 1 completed the requirement or provided documentation for the clock hours as claimed. Stamped signatures MUST be initialed by the individual using the stamp. <u>Please give this form, with Section II completed, directly to the applicant</u> .					
NAME OF INSTITUTION/EMPLOY	NAME OF INSTITUTION/EMPLOYER: DATE:				
ADDRESS:	CITY/STATE/ZIP:	TELEPHONE:			
NAME (PRINTED):	SIGNATURE AND TITLE	E-MAIL:			

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600 Washington St. SE Olympia, WA 98504 (360)-725-3631 TTY | (360)-725-6400 | cert@k12.waus Continuing Education Clock Hour Credit Form 1128-11:

Paraeducator Subject Matter Certificate Coursework Verification

Use this form to verify completion of continuing education credit hours for the Paraeducator Subject Matter Certificate.

#### WAC 181-85-033(11)

(b) Individuals who complete the course work for the English language learner subject matter certificate as described in chapter 179-13 WAC are eligible for the number of continuing education credit hours completed up to 20 continuing education credit hours unless they are issued these continuing education credit hours by a state approved in-service education agency.

(c) Individuals who complete the course work for the special education subject matter certificate as described in chapter 179-15 WAC are eligible for the number of continuing education credit hours completed up to 20 continuing education credit hours unless they are issued these continuing education credit hours by a state approved in-service education agency.

Section I: Applica	nt Information			
Legal Name (Last, First, Middle):		Other Name(s):		
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Date of Birth: Washington Certificate Phone: Email: Number:				
Home Address (Street, Section II: Clock H	,			
Select the type of clock completed within five y	hours earned below. For educators ap	of application for renewal ar	certificate, the 20 required clock hours must be nd must submit documentation of completed se application.	
Clock Hour Earning	Period: to			

English Language Learner Coursework	Hours Earned:
Special Education Coursework	Hours Earned:

Special Education Coursework

Section II: Participant Affidavit

, certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. The intentional misrepresentation of a material fact in this form subjects the holder to revocation of his/her certificate pursuant to Chapter 181-85 WAC. This form should be retained by the holder for possible dispute (WAC 181-85-085).

Signature of Participant		Date		
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\*Individuals completing this form earn the clock hours above and retain this form as documentation of hours earned.

FORM SPI 1128-11 Paraeducator Subject Matter Certificate Coursework Verification Form (Rev. 2/2025)



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#### Official Clock Hours Transcript

Northwest Educational Service District 189

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Northwest Educational Service District 189 Together We Can

	Olympia School District 111 Bethel Street NE Olympia WA 98506		Certificate Number: Birth Date: Report Date: 12/15/2023			
Course #	Title of Inservice	Sponsor	Emphasis	Start - End	ł	Clock Hours
146034	Fundamental Course of Study - FCS01 Introduction to Cultural Identity and Diversity Paraeducator FCS Modules: FCS01	NWESD	FCS: 4.0	8/15/2022	1/30/2023	4.00
146048	Fundamental Course of Study - FCS08 Child and Adolescent Development Paraeducator FCS Modules: FCS08	NWESD	FCS: 2.0	8/15/2022	2/3/2023	2.00
146035	Fundamental Course of Study - FCS02 Methods of Educational and Instructional Support Paraeducator FCS Modules: FCS02	NWESD	FCS: 4.0	8/15/2022	2/22/2023	4.00
146050	Fundamental Course of Study - FCS10 Positive and Safe Learning Environment Paraeducator FCS Modules: FCS10	NWESD	FCS: 3.0	8/15/2022	2/22/2023	3.00
146051	Fundamental Course of Study - FCS11 Communication Basics Paraeducator FCS Modules: FCS11	NWESD	FCS: 2,0	8/15/2022	2/23/2023	2.00
144323	FCS 03 - Technology Basics - TSD Only Paraeducator FCS Modules: FCS03	ESD 113	FCS: 2.0	2/17/2023	2/17/2023	2.00
144314	FCS 06 - Equity - TSD Only Paraeducator FCS Modules: FCS06	ESD 113	FCS: 2.0	3/30/2023	3/30/2023	2.00
144032	FCS 05 - District Orientation of Roles and Responsibilities - TSD Only Paraeducator FCS Modules: FCS05	ESD 113	FCS: 2.0	6/2/2023	6/2/2023	2.00
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#### **Clock Hour Resources**

#### **Clock Hour Information**

https://ospi.k12.wa.us/educator-support/continuing-education-clock-hours

#### **Online Clock Hour Resources (PESB)**

https://www.pesb.wa.gov/resources-and-reports/online-learning

#### **PGP Templates (PESB)**

https://www.pesb.wa.gov/workforce/developing-current-educators/pgp/



## Contact Information Professional Certification Department



#### Email: cert@k12.wa.us

Program Specialists are in the office each business day for customer service needs via telephone or in person

Phone: 360-725-6400

Professional Certification **Website**: <u>https://ospi.k12.wa.us/certification</u>

#### **Customer Service hours:**

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

- 9:00 am 4:30 pm
- 10:00 am 4:30 pm
- 9:00 am 4:30 pm
  - 9:00 am 4:30 pm
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