

Paraprofessional Education Program

Educational Pathways



for Paraprofessionals

A collaboration of:

**UFT Teacher Center (UFTTC) * The NYSUT Education and Learning Trust * The Harry Van Arsdale Jr.
Center for Labor Studies * SUNY/Empire State College**

The UFT/NYSUT/Empire State College Programs offer a variety of educational pathways for paraprofessionals to advance in their chosen field.

This program will meet your needs if:

- You were hired after February 1, 2004 and need your teaching assistant certification.
- You have accumulated college credits, but lack a clear path to completion of a degree.
- You have a college degree, but lack the required course content or pedagogy to become a middle or secondary school teacher.
- You wish to remain a paraprofessional and want to move up in grade and salary.

For further information contact: **UFT Teacher Center**

212-475-3737

** NYC Department of Education voucher will cover the tuition for these courses.*

How the Paraprofessional Education Program will help you get the resources you need.

YOUR SITUATION	WHAT YOU NEED	WHAT WE PROVIDE
You were hired after February 1, 2004.	You MUST obtain 18 college credits for certification as a teaching assistant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An 18-credit program designed to help you in your job and prepare you for teaching assistant certification. • College courses offered at UFT borough offices.
You have accumulated as many as 90 undergraduate credits and you would like to get a degree and/or teach at the middle or secondary school level.	<p>You will need an undergraduate degree in a specific content area that would qualify you to teach at the middle or secondary level.</p> <p>You will also need initial/professional certification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational advising to help you chart your path. • College courses through Empire State College to provide the needed subject area content. • The opportunity to enter Empire State College's Masters in Teaching Program for Transitional B certification at the middle or secondary level.
You have a college degree and want to teach at the middle or secondary school level, but lack the required credits in a specific subject area, such as English, mathematics or the sciences.	<p>You need to supplement your degree with courses in the required content area.</p> <p>You will also need to complete a program of study leading to an initial/professional certification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational advising to help you chart your path. • College courses through Empire State College to provide the needed subject area content. • The opportunity to enter Empire State College's Masters in Teaching Program for Transitional B certification at the middle or secondary level.
You have a college degree in a subject area from outside the U.S., but do not have the required educational courses to become a middle or secondary level teacher.	<p>You need to have an evaluation of your degree and a chance to complete required education courses in order to teach.</p> <p>You will also need initial/professional certification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational advising to help you obtain what is still needed to serve you career goals. • College courses through Empire State College to close the gaps for your college degree. • The opportunity to enter Empire State College's Masters in Teaching Program for Transitional B certification at the middle or secondary level.
You wish to remain a paraprofessional, and want to move up in grade and pay.	You must obtain college credits to advance to higher job grade and income levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College courses offered at UFT borough offices.