

# Chapter 179-11 WAC

## GENERAL PARAEDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

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**WAC 179-11-010 Purpose.** (1) The purpose of this chapter is to define a paraeducator's minimum requirements and process to attain, and the validity period for, the general paraeducator certificate.

(2) The general paraeducator certificate is the minimum credential a paraeducator may earn to obtain the knowledge and skill needed to support and assist teachers with their programs and administrative duties.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.413 RCW. WSR 18-16-107, § 179-11-010, filed 7/31/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 179-11-020 Definitions.** The additional ten days of training to attain the general paraeducator certificate will consist of seventy continuing education credit hours.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.413 RCW. WSR 18-16-107, § 179-11-020, filed 7/31/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 179-11-030 Minimum requirements.** Prior to completing the general paraeducator certificate, the paraeducator must have completed the fundamental course of study.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.413 RCW. WSR 18-16-107, § 179-11-030, filed 7/31/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 179-11-040 Process.** (1) School districts must implement this section only in school years for which state funding is appropriated specifically for the purposes of this section and only for the number of days that are funded by the appropriation.

(2) The paraeducator must complete the general paraeducator certificate in three years after completing the fundamental course of study, as follows:

(a) If the fundamental course of study is completed prior to June 30th of a calendar year, then it shall have a completion date calculated on the basis that it was completed on June 30th of the same calendar year regardless of the date of completion; and

(b) If the fundamental course of study is completed July 1st or later in the calendar year, then it shall have a completion date calculated on the basis that it was completed on June 30th of the next calendar year regardless of the date of completion.

(3) To attain the paraeducator general certificate, the paraeducator must complete training that meets in-service education approval standards as written in chapter 181-85 WAC.

(4) A paraeducator who holds the English language learner subject matter certificate and/or special education subject matter certificate may deduct twenty continuing edu-

cation credit hours per subject matter certificate from the hours required to meet the general paraeducator certificate.

(5) The paraeducator shall be responsible for completing filing requirements with the superintendent of public instruction, in accordance with WAC 179-01-020, the completion of the general paraeducator certificate.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.413 RCW. WSR 18-16-107, § 179-11-040, filed 7/31/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 179-11-050 Validity period.** Once issued to the paraeducator, the general paraeducator certificate does not expire.

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