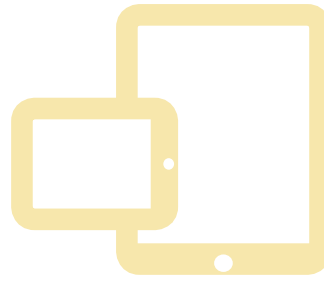


# CIRMA E-Learning Center

## Paraprofessional Roles and Responsibilities Online Training Program



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### Course Description

Paraprofessionals (or “paras”) perform many different functions in a school setting. Some specialize in special education programs. Others assist in bilingual education. Some paras serve as administrative aides who help teachers by making copies, preparing materials for lessons, and monitoring hallways and study halls. One thing all paras have in common is that they play vital roles in instruction, organization, and administration.

In this course, you will learn about the different tasks for which paraprofessionals are responsible. Additionally, this course will explore the benefits of employing a “co-teaching” program in the classroom. You will also learn about some of the common challenges facing paras, teachers, and administrators.

**Time:** Approximately 30 minutes [Preview the Paraprofessional Roles and Responsibilities online training program here.](#)

### Learning Objectives:

- Understand the roles that paraprofessionals play in classrooms and other school settings.
- Identify the ways in which paraprofessionals can most effectively be employed in supportive and instructional roles.
- Recognize the potential challenges faced by paraprofessionals and teachers working together.

### Key Topics Include:

- Paraprofessionals in Schools
- Historical Perspective
- Expanding Role of Paraprofessionals
- Backgrounds and Skills
- Title I
- What Types of Work do Paraprofessionals Do?
- Co-Teaching and Its Benefits
- Special Education
- Potential Issues – Poorly Defined Roles, Ambiguous Supervision Responsibilities, Inconsistent Professional Development
- Paras and Students

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