

Educational Support Services

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Administrative Office

I am interested in this opportunity to obtain a [Master of Education in Adolescent Special Education](#)

“Paraeducator to Teacher Pipeline Program”

Teacher Residency Program with ESBOCES and SUNY Empire

**** Grant funds are available to assist with tuition costs – see eligibility criteria ****

Complete link below to begin!

Initial Verification Request: <https://forms.gle/yb6sFkcgMaDApGfy7>

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ **You are an ESBOCES paraeducator**
- ✓ **You hold a Bachelor’s Degree**
- ✓ **You do NOT hold a Permanent or Professional Certification in any area**
- ✓ **If you hold an initial certification, it can NOT be in Special Education**
- ✓ **You are not currently employed as a teacher**

Watch this Informational Video with SUNY Empire on the Teacher Residency Program (from 11/16/23)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12eFiBX82uWAICm7OhXn2_j50YQE0AZ2b/view?usp=drive_link

Next Steps:

1. Click the link above and submit your **Initial Verification Request** to ESBOCES.
2. View the SUNY Empire demonstration how to complete your online application
([Video: Recorded Info Session on how to apply online with SUNY Empire](#))
3. Email your unofficial transcripts to grad@sunyempire.edu for a SUNY Empire Transcript Evaluation.

Completion of this degree program and passing scores on the NYS Teacher Certification Examinations lead to NYS Students with Disabilities 7-12 Generalist Initial and Professional certification. Participants may apply for the NYS Students with Disabilities All Grades upon graduation.

Please email Dr. Krystle Hernandez-Barnett @ kbarnett@esboces.org with any questions.