

CSIU Substitute School Staff Preparation Programs

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Guest Teacher, Education Majors, and Classroom Monitor



If you currently hold a **Bachelor's Degree** in any field area, you are eligible to become a substitute teacher by completing the **Guest Teacher Program**.

A Guest Teacher is:

- eligible* to apply for Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Type 6 Day-to-Day Substitute emergency permit;
- eligible to serve as a **substitute teacher** in all participating consortium districts as well as CSIU schools;
- permitted to work unlimited days in the substitute teacher capacity when the assignments are spread across multiple teachers;
- not permitted to exceed 20 days of service for a single teacher assignment;
- issued a permit that is valid for one year and must be renewed annually.

If you are currently enrolled in an accredited **Pennsylvania Teacher Preparation Program** and you have accumulated at least 60 college credits, you are eligible to serve as a substitute teacher by completing the **Education Majors Training** Program.

Education Majors are:

- awarded a locally-issued emergency permit valid within participating school districts;
- eligible* to serve as a **substitute teacher** in all participating districts as well as CSIU classrooms pursuant to Act 86 of 2016: Prospective Teacher Substitutes;
- limited to working as a substitute teacher up to 20 total per school year;
- not permitted to exceed 10 days of substitute teacher service for a single teacher assignment;
- issued a permit that is valid for one year and can be renewed for one additional school year if able to provide proof of additional 15 college credits/ hours completed.

To be a Classroom Monitor, you need:

- **60 college credits** from a **Pennsylvania University** or **three years of experience** as a **paraprofessional** in a school entity and are currently employed by a school entity;
- to be at least **25 years of age**;
- to complete the **Classroom Monitor Training** program.

A Classroom Monitor is:

- eligible to apply for a PDE Type 09 Classroom Monitor permit;
- eligible* to serve as a **Classroom Monitor** in the applicable school district or within CSIU classrooms;
- not a teachers, rather, they are classroom support staff designated to monitor student behavior and assign work;
- permitted to work as a classroom monitor for unlimited days.

Pursuant to Act 33 of 2023, the Classroom Monitor permit provision is available until June 30, 2026.

**In addition to the eligibility information requirements referenced above, all substitute school personnel must meet the requirements outlined by the Pa Department of Education as well as the employing entity.*

[Visit the CSIU's Substitute Staff Preparation Programs Page to learn more about these rewarding programs.](#)

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