

# Georgia Professional Standards Commission

## *Requirements for a Paraprofessional*

### Paraprofessionals

---

All Georgia Paraprofessionals must hold a valid state license issued by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC). Georgia educators who hold a valid professional certificate may serve as Paraprofessionals without holding a specific Paraprofessional license.

An individual must be employed as a Paraprofessional in a Georgia local unit of administration ([LUA](#)) in order to qualify for a Paraprofessional license, which is valid for five years. In addition to employment, the applicant must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Hold an associate's degree or higher in any subject from a [GaPSC-accepted accredited institution](#);
- Have completed 2 years (60 semester hours) of college coursework at a [GaPSC-accepted accredited institution](#);
- Hold a minimum of a high school diploma or GED equivalent and have passed the GACE [Paraprofessional Assessment](#).

If you are interested in obtaining a Paraprofessional license, you must first seek employment with a Georgia school, which will require a criminal record check. Your certification application package will be submitted by your employer.