

Louisiana's HIGHLY QUALIFIED Definition For Paraprofessionals

New PARAPROFESSIONALS

- Must have accomplished at least one of the following:
 - a. Passed the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Para-Pro Assessment [ETS ParaPro Assessment (#0755) passing score: 450]; or
 - b. Completed two years of full-time study (48 semester credit hours) from a state-approved or regionally accredited institution of higher education*; or
 - c. Earned an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree from a state-approved or regionally accredited institution of higher education.

"Not-New" PARAPROFESSIONALS (by January 2006)

- Must have accomplished at least one of the following:
 - a. Passed the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Para-Pro Assessment; [ETS ParaPro Assessment (#0755) passing score: 450]; or
 - b. Completed two years of full-time study (48 semester credit hours) from a state-approved or regionally accredited institution of higher education*; or
 - c. Earned an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree from a state-approved or regionally accredited institution of higher education; or
 - d. Successfully completed the ACT, Inc., Work Keys skills assessments and on-the-job observation.

NOTE:

- * Within the forty-eight semester hours, the paraprofessional must complete a total of 15 hours of general education requirements that include English Composition (3), English/Reading (6), and Mathematics (6). For the remaining 33 hours of coursework, acceptance of credit for a course shown on a transcript from an approved higher education institution is left to school district discretion in addressing the needs of the specific job. Discipline-specific electives may include as many as 12 hours of developmental (remedial) courses.