



LRP Direct Step Online Special Education Professional Learning

- Free
- Available on Demand
- Available to all MT Public School staff– administrators, teachers, and paraeducators
- PDUs available for some courses.*

*Courses beginning with code 35 are for paraprofessionals and are not eligible for PDUs.



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Montana Para Pathways Project



Free **Online Special Education Modules** for All MT Public School Educators & Paraeducators

Level 1

Incentive Pay

Eligible paraeducators* complete 40 online LRP courses

Level 2

OPI Paid Tuition for 4 Courses (13 credits) at **Dawson Community College**

Become a **Class 09 Licensed Special Education Technician**

Level 3

SPDG Supported Tuition to become **fully licensed Special Education Teacher**



MT Para Pathways Project



Level 1

- Eligible public school paraeducators who work with students with disabilities can receive up to \$500 for completing 40 specific LRP Modules online.
- **Requires:** Level 1 Employment verification form and W9 submitted to DCC.

Level 2

- OPI provides tuition for four courses at DCC for eligible paraeducators: Intro to Education, Exceptional Learners, Educational Psychology, and Literature and Literacy for Children.
- **Requires:** Complete 40 LRP Modules for Level 1, Level 2 Employment verification form (1000 hr.), Application to DCC, and service payback agreement for 1 year following coursework.

ARM 10.57.439 CLASS 9 SPECIAL EDUCATION TECHNICIAN LICENSE

- **Board of Public Education Negotiated Rulemaking Committee:** AMENDMENTS TO ARM 10.55.602 and 10.55.805 SPECIAL EDUCATION and Adoption of NEW RULE 1 (10.55.725)

Level 3

- **State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) Tuition Reimbursement Program** (Competitive Application Process) for eligible paraeducators to become fully licensed Special Education Teachers.

<https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/School-Climate-Student-Wellness/Special-Education/Para-Pathways-Project>