

# ESD-U PEP



## WHAT IS THE PARAEDUCATOR AND EXPLORERS PROGRAM (PEP)?

PEP is designed to give current paraeducators and other interested individuals an opportunity to explore teaching as a profession without the commitment of signing up for the full ESD-U teacher certification program. Participants in PEP attend virtual ESD-U seminars throughout the year on important topics for educators, alongside ESD-U teacher candidates working towards certification.

### Seminar Topics

- » Culturally Responsive Teaching, I and II (core)
- » Classroom Management (core)
- » Introduction to Working with Students with Disabilities
- » Introduction to Working with English Language Learners
- » Creating an Inclusive Classroom
- » Behavior Management
- » Since Time Immemorial

When PEP is successfully completed, participants may choose to apply for the ESD-U teacher certification program, and the seminar clock hours for PEP will count towards ESD-U seminar requirements.



## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

**\$300 for five seminars and up to 18 clock hours, which can be used toward the General or Advanced Paraeducator Certificate.** The cost includes three “core” seminars, and then participants may choose two more seminars according to their interest area. Additional seminars/clock hours may be taken for a nominal additional fee.

*Rates shown are for the 2023-24 academic year.*

## WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PEP?



Visit the ESD-U PEP website: [esd112.org/esd-u-pep](https://esd112.org/esd-u-pep)



Fill out the PEP Interest Form to receive updates: [tinyurl.com/ESDU-Interest](https://tinyurl.com/ESDU-Interest)

*ESD-U PEP is a low-cost, no-commitment way to see if teaching is a good fit for you!*