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

Fill out the PEP Interest Form to receive updates: tinyurl.com/ESDU-Interest

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

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