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## PARAEDUCATOR APPRENTICESHIP AT GREEN RIVER COLLEGE

Green River College is a partner in the Registered Apprenticeship system and provides the related supplemental classroom instruction (RSI) for the Washington State Classified Employee Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee's Paraeducator I and Paraeducator II apprenticeship programs. Students earn college credit towards an AAS-T degree, complete the Paraeducator State Certificate, and are eligible to pursue a BAS degree in Teaching and Early Learning, as well as other BAS related programs at several Community and Technical Colleges in Washington State.

Once accepted into the apprenticeship program, and if you have never attended Green River College, you need to apply for admission to be identified as an apprentice and receive reduced tuition. Tuition for apprentices taking their required apprenticeship classes at Green River is reduced by 50% under WAC 131.28. The steps to apply for admission are listed below:

1. Contact the apprenticeship coordinator at your school district and have them send a letter of acceptance for the apprenticeship program to Diana Holz – Early Childhood Education Program Director at [dholz@greenriver.edu](mailto:dholz@greenriver.edu).
2. Apply for admission through the Green River website at, <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/getting-started/>. Once you have done this you will receive an email in the next 3 business days that includes your Green River Student ID number which you will need to register for classes. You will also receive a letter from the college regarding attending orientation, taking placement tests, etc. You do not need to attend orientation and only need to take placement tests if required for a course (see #6). Contact Diana Holz, [dholz@greenriver.edu](mailto:dholz@greenriver.edu) with questions.
3. If interested, apply for financial aid, <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>.
4. Determine which class(es) you want to register for using the RSI/Green River course crosswalk. Generally, apprentices take one class per quarter. If you have taken classes at another college that you think meet some of the RSI requirements, see #8. Until your transcript(s) is evaluated, register for class(es) you know you need.
5. Register for your class(es) at <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/online-services/class-registration-and-schedule-planner/> and send the **Apprenticeship Registration** form to Mary Singer at [msinger@greenriver.edu](mailto:msinger@greenriver.edu) to ensure proper coding for receiving the 50% tuition discount. (cc Diana Holz)
6. Mary will email you when the coding has been entered for the 50% tuition reduction, after the code has been entered you need to pay for classes within 48 hours.
7. Please note, some classes, like ENGL&101 may require that you take a placement test to determine whether you are eligible to take the class. Information about placement tests can be found at, <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/assessment-testing-center/>

8. If you have attended college previously and have classes that may fulfill requirements of the apprenticeship's RSI, you can request that your college transcript be sent to Green River for evaluation. More information can be found at, <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/enrollment-services/transcripts/transcript-evaluation/>.
9. Additionally, you may be eligible to earn college credit for your RSI from professional development trainings/workshops you have completed as a paraeducator. Please contact Diana Holz at [dholtz@greenriver.edu](mailto:dholtz@greenriver.edu) to determine if this is a possibility.

The advisor at Green River College for the Paraeducator I and II apprenticeship program is Diana Holz, who can be contacted at [dholtz@greenriver.edu](mailto:dholtz@greenriver.edu).