**Educator Pathway Program**

Do you have students taking courses through the [Educator Pathway Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.teachingnd.com%2Fpathway.html&data=05%7C02%7Ckmschaff%40nd.gov%7Ccdd5178365ff48a9b8c708dcc08274d9%7C2dea0464da514a88bae2b3db94bc0c54%7C0%7C0%7C638596913766740172%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8UR4zYCcZn0U5kkTc%2FrMwBEyX21a3jZArNwjVG5MGbs%3D&reserved=0)? Students who take a combination of specific courses can earn a General or Special Education Paraprofessional certification. This opportunity provides a solid foundation in educational pedagogy and enables students to actively contribute to their communities. It signifies students' early dedication to the field of education and prepares them for a fulfilling career focused on teaching and nurturing students' development.

**Special Education Paraprofessional**

Students can choose from three universities and take the listed courses to earn the special education certificate:

**Valley City**

EDUC 250 Introduction to Education (with embedded field experience) **AND**EDUC 240 Educating Exceptional Students

**OR**

EDUC 251 Introduction to the Teaching Profession **AND** EDUC 252 Introductory Field Experience **AND**EDUC 240 Educating Exceptional Students

**Minot State University**

SPED 110 Introduction to Exceptional Children **AND** SPED 299 Special Education Field Experience

**Mayville State University**

SPED 289 Foundations of Special Education **AND** SPED 289A Foundations of Special Education Practicum

**General Education Paraprofessional**

Students can choose to take courses through any of the universities participating in Educator Pathway.

**Students can earn the general education certificate in three ways:**

1. Students can take **two** of the three CTE courses related to teaching: Teaching Professional 09041, Educational Methodology 09042, and Cooperative Work Experience 09299.
2. Students can take **two** of the three General Education courses: Teaching Professional 20084, Educational Methodology 20085, Educational Workplace Experience 20086.
3. A combination of the six courses above equaling **two** or more courses.

These two opportunities differ from the requirements needed to receive Title I Paraprofessional Certification. For more information, please visit the [Title I Paraprofessional Certificate of Completion](https://www.nd.gov/dpi/education-programs/federal-title-programs/title-i-part/general-title-i-requirements/title-i-0) or contact [Lauri Nord](mailto:lnord@nd.gov).