Parapro Testing and Information

Due to the signing of <u>Public Act 101-0220</u>, taking the Paraprofessional Test did not qualify applicants for paraprofessional licensure in Illinois between August 9-December 4, 2019. As of December 5, 2019 remedial legislation was signed that made the test valid for licensure once again. All previously deficient paraprofessional license applications will be re-reviewed under the new legislation.

When do you have to take the test to be a Paraprofessional (teacher's aide)?

- You are at least 19 years old, AND
- Have a high school diploma or GED, AND
- Do not have an Associate degree and have completed less than 60 college credit hours.
- Have not take or passed the Work Keys Test

**If you have 60 or more hours of college credit you do not need the test but must complete everything else to obtain your IL license. That includes bringing in a sealed, official transcript or having an electronic transcript emailed directly from the college to the office staff at the ROE. Courses under 100-level <u>will not</u> count towards the 60 hours.

Registration and Cost:

- Online with credit card = **\$80.00**, payment is done through Eventbrite online.
- No spot will be reserved without payment at the time of registration.
- No refunds will be given. If you must cancel or if you are a no show, you will be allowed to reschedule one (1) time without having to repay.

Testing Schedule - Wednesdays

- Testing takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Typically we offer two seats per test session (one morning session and one afternoon session).
- If the link shows there are no tickets (seats) available, you may go back and select another date.
- Click a link at ROE website to register and pay (\$80.00)

On your test date please bring the following items:

- your unexpired drivers license or official state identification,
- your high school diploma or transcript
- a credit or debit card to pay the \$100.00 (+ convenience fee) for the paraprofessional license
- No scratch paper or pencils will be needed-we provide the approved materials for note taking at the office

Applying for a License After You Pass the Test:

- Applying for the license requires a credit or debit card, and will cost \$100, as well as a credit card processing fee. The application and fee are processed through the Illinois State Board of Education ELIS website.
- Registering the license once it is issued will cost an additional \$25 (plus credit card processing fee) through the same ISBE website.