



PARAPROFESSIONAL PREPARATION FOR EXTRAORDINARY TEACHING (PPET)

Eligibility

Through a grant offered by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the Darden College of Education of Old Dominion University is seeking applicants for endorsement in Special Education. The following criteria must be met for admission as a program participant.

1. Be employed and assigned as a paraprofessional, substitute teacher, or other non-licensed personnel in a public school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
2. hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;
3. be recommended by the employing school division; the principal or designee must sign the participant's and mentor's forms.
4. be assigned a mentor by the employing school division; and,
5. be seeking initial licensure in special education with endorsement in ED, LD, and/or MR.

NOTE: The Virginia Department of Education has the expectation that PPET recipients will complete the necessary courses and internships for special education licensure and teach special education in a Virginia public school for a period of at least 2 years. If a grant recipient fails to meet these expectations, that individual will be responsible for repayment of grant funds to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

APPLY NOW!

Funding is available for SUMMER 2006, and FALL 2006

DEADLINE for Summer 2006 admission into the PPET Grant Program is the 1st week of April 2006, and for Fall 2006 is the 3rd week in July 2006.

Program Application Process

To apply, each applicant must submit a complete application packet with all documentation requested:

1. completed Participant Application Form with appropriate signatures;
2. completed Mentor Form with appropriate signatures; and
3. official college transcripts in a sealed envelope from all universities, other than Old Dominion University.

Mail or fax the complete packet to:

Teacher Education Services
Education Building, Room 152
Old Dominion University
Norfolk, VA 23529

Attn: Paraprofessional Preparation for Extraordinary Teaching

Fax: 757-683-4872

Grant staff will review applications. Official notification of acceptance, course approvals, and registration procedures will then be sent to the participant.

For more information regarding the Paraprofessional Preparation for Extraordinary Teaching program, please call Arminda Israel, 757-683-3348, or email: aisrael@odu.edu. See URL: <http://www.lions.odu.edu/~aisrael/>

This grant-funded tuition support will be contingent upon Virginia Department of Education grant award for subsequent semesters.