

# Professional Development for Paraprofessionals

Summer 2025 | College of Education, University of Utah

The College of Education offers summer professional development opportunities for paraprofessionals. Participants do not need to be a current University of Utah student to enroll. Participants will receive an email confirming registration once the process is completed. Enrollment is first come, first serve with limited availability for each course. It is strongly recommended that participants register as soon as possible to ensure a space in the workshop. Links and related information will be sent a week prior to the workshop.

## **Turmoil to Tranquility: Proven Techniques for Effective Classroom Management**

- 👤 Instructed by Dr. Sandy Smith
  - 📅 June 9, 12:30pm–3:00pm
  - 📅 June 16, 9:00am–11:30am or 12:30pm–3:00pm
  - 💰 Free
  - 💻 Virtual via Zoom
  - ➡ Click [here](#) to register
- Note: Content is the same across all sessions. Please register once.*

A comprehensive workshop designed to equip educators with practical strategies to transform classrooms into calm, productive learning environments. Participants will explore evidence-based techniques to manage student behavior, foster positive relationships, and create a structured yet flexible classroom atmosphere. Gain the confidence and skills needed to handle disruptions effectively and promote a culture of respect and engagement.

## **Tier 3 Interventions**

- 👤 Instructed by Dr. Natalie Badgett
- 📅 June 13, 9:00am–4:00pm
- 💰 Free
- 📍 University of Utah Campus
- ➡ Click [here](#) to register

This one-day course provides foundational knowledge and skills in individualized behavioral assessment and intervention to support students with persistent challenging behavior, focusing on data collection, analysis, and practical classroom strategies.

## **AI: Paraprofessional and Teacher Teams**

- 👤 Instructed by Matt Winters
- 📅 June 18, 9:00am–12:00pm
- 💰 Free
- 💻 Virtual via Zoom & University of Utah Campus
- ➡ Click [here](#) to register

Paraeducator/Teacher Teams, will participate in a half-day AI workshop focused on practical strategies and information sharing to support K-12 students with varied needs and abilities, specifically designed for educators working in special education settings.

## **Supporting Students with Care: A Paraprofessional Series on Relationships, Trauma, Behavior, and Wellbeing**

- 👤 Lead by Dr. Aaron Fischer
- 📅 June 24, 8:00am–5:00pm
- 💰 \$50 payment at workshop
- 📍 SAEC Room #3151, University of Utah Campus
- ➡ Click [here](#) to register

The U-TTEC Lab Program is a one-day, in-person training designed to support paraprofessionals in building strong student relationships, managing behavior through trauma-informed practices, and prioritizing personal wellbeing. Participants will gain practical tools to foster responsive, and compassionate classroom environments.

## **Any Questions?**

If you have specific questions about these courses, please contact:  
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