

Michigan ESP Center  for Professional Learning

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**Instructional Paraprofessional Application for ESP Certification
(ESEA/NCLB Documentation)**

The Educational Support Professional (ESP) Certificate Program, administered by the MEA ESP Center for Professional Learning, assures the provision of high quality standards-based professional development for educational support personnel.

Supported by the Michigan Education Association (MEA), the ESP Certificate is available to all ESP in any classification who completes the program requirements (MEA members and non-members). It is also available to instructional paraprofessionals who are required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 to be "qualified".

The application form on the reverse side is to be used by Educational Support Personnel who have become ESEA/NCLB qualified based on:

the completion of at least 60 semester hour college/university credits or an associate or higher education degree **OR**

having passed all required parts of WorkKeys, (American Testing Company), ParaPro Assessment (Educational Testing Service), the Basic Skills part of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification, **OR**

the completion of the Michigan Department of Education Paraprofessional Portfolio Assessment

Those who are not required to be "qualified" may apply for the ESP Certificate upon completion of the General ESP Certificate Program.

Those who choose to become ESEA/NCLB qualified in the future may apply for the ESP Certificate upon completion of one of the above options.

The Educational Support Professionals (ESP) Certificate is issued as a service to MEA at no cost. **Non-members are required to submit a fee of \$30 as part of this application process.** Check or money order should be made payable to: Michigan Education Association

The application and fee (for non-members) should be returned to:

MEA ESP Center for Professional Learning, P.O. Box 2573, East Lansing, MI 48826-2573

Questions may be directed to Chuck Agerstrand via email: cagerstrand@mea.org or by calling the phone numbers listed above.

