

# 2016-2017 Online Training Series for Special Education Paraprofessionals

For the 2016-2017 school year, PaTTAN will offer training for special education paraprofessionals online at <http://pattan.frameworkelder.com>. These online training sessions will provide practical information regarding educational methods and resources for special education paraprofessionals who work with students in a variety of educational settings. Content covered in these sessions will help special education paraprofessionals gain knowledge related to the standards outlined in the Pennsylvania Credential of Competency Checklist, and obtain in-service training hours required by Pennsylvania regulations.

The following content topics will be covered this year:

- **Data Collection** – This will cover types of data collection for English/language arts, math, and behavior.
- **Supporting Students Who Are Deaf-Blind: Communication**
- **Job Coaching: What is a job coach and how is it different from working as a paraprofessional in a classroom?** – Laws/regulations, terminology, and roles will be discussed.
- **Hidden Curriculum: Supporting students with autism and other disabilities to learn the unwritten, often untaught social skills needed to get along in our society**

- **Recognizing and Supporting Students Under Stress** – Types of stress students may experience, how to recognize when students are under stress, and tools/strategies paraprofessionals can use to support students will be presented.
- **Supporting Students in Science** – Strategies paraprofessionals can use to support students in general education content classes will be presented with a special emphasis on science.
- **Credential of Competency Standard #8: Assessment** – Updated session that provides an introduction to the types and purposes of different types of assessments as well as the role that paraprofessionals take in this process.
- **Developing Independence** – Transition from Middle School to High School
- **Credential of Competency Standard #9: Professional and Ethical Practice** – Updated session that discusses roles and responsibilities of paraprofessionals, communication and confidentiality.

**The first session will be available on October 15, 2016. More information regarding the timeline for posting sessions will be available on the PaTTAN website ([www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)) and the online training site (<http://pattan.frameworkelder.com>).**

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