

# Pathways for Paras

## Checklist for Getting Started!

To become a Special Education teacher through the Pathways for Paras registered teacher apprenticeship program at Missouri State University, it is highly important that you complete each of these tasks! As part of the Pathways program, you are considered a Department of Labor registered teacher apprentice.

**Hands-on Experience:** Gain practical, on-the-job training.

**Earning While Learning:** Receive a salary during training, even student teaching.

**Industry-Recognized Credentials:** Obtain credentials recognized by the industry and Department of Labor.

**Career Advancement:** Access higher-paying job opportunities.

**Mentorship and Support:** Benefit from guidance by experienced professionals.

**Financial Assistance:** Potential support for education-related expenses.

### FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO SUCCESSFULLY PARTICIPATE IN PATHWAYS FOR PARAS PROGRAM

#### 1. Apply to MSU

For undergraduates, select the **Special Education/Cross-Categorical BSED program**. It is free for undergraduates to apply.

For graduate students, select **Special Education, Alternative Certification Track, MSED**. There is a \$75 application fee for graduate students. You must select "**Springfield Campus**" though; all courses are available via online modalities.

[View this page for more information on applying.](#)

#### 2. Fill out the FAFSA

Go to the [FAFSA website found here](#) and complete the steps to fill out the FAFSA.

#### 3. Apply for Financial Aid

[TEACH Grant](#)

[MSU Foundation scholarships](#)

[Outside scholarships](#)

For Questions: [Make an appointment with a Financial Aid advisor.](#)

**4. Schedule Appointment with your Advisor** For both Graduates and Undergraduates, [view the education advisement page](#), and then schedule an appointment with an advisor. Book with Katie Wright or Jacob Clark.

#### 5. Register as an Apprentice with MSU

[Complete this form to register as an apprentice](#) with the MSU College of Education's official Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program (RTAP)

#### 6. Register through MO Jobs

Create an Individual profile on [MO Jobs](#).

#### 7. FastTrack Workforce Incentive Grant

Undergraduate students enrolled at least part-time in a registered teacher apprenticeship program can apply for the [FastTrack Workforce Incentive Grant here](#)

#### 8. Register for Classes

After meeting with your advisor, you can register for your classes at your earliest registration date and time. For assistance with registering, you can ask your advisor or [review this webpage](#).

#### 9. Complete, Sign, and Submit FERPA Form [Please use this link to find the FERPA form to complete.](#)

This gives permission for MSU to communicate with your school district. You will need to sign onto MyMissouriState in order to complete it. It is vitally important that you sign and submit this form.

#### 10. Sign Apprenticeship Agreement "671"

Please e-sign Apprenticeship Agreement Form 671 to confirm your participation in MSU's Pathways for Paras Registered Teacher Apprenticeship program. This is a digital form that will come to your MSU email from the DOL during your first semester in the program. You must fill out the registration form (step 5) first.

**Note:** After admitted, you should check your university email regularly. All communications, like financial aid and Pathways updates, will come through here and not your personal email.

For questions or concerns, please contact [PathsforParas@MissouriState.edu](mailto:PathsforParas@MissouriState.edu).

For general information about the program, [check out this website](#).