

## E.H. Mellon Administrative Center Human Resources

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## How can I obtain an ELS endorsed as a paraprofessional educator?

- 1. Be at least 19 years of age and;
- 2. Show proof of **one** (1) of the following requirements:
  - a. Associate's degree or higher; or
  - b. 60 semester hours of coursework; or
  - C. High School Diploma or GED and a score of 460 or higher on the ETS ParaPro test; or

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- d. High School Diploma or GED **and** the following scores on the <u>ACT Work Keys test:</u>
  - Applied Mathematics 4
  - Reading for Information 4

Refer to Educator License with Stipulations Endorsement Requirements

To apply for an educator license with stipulations endorsed as a paraprofessional educator, individuals may submit an application in the <u>Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS)</u>. A \$100 fee will be assessed electronically when the application is submitted. After submitting their application, individuals should have applicable documentation.

An educator license with stipulations endorsed as a paraprofessional educator is not valid until it is registered. Once registered, the license is valid until June 30 immediately following five years of the endorsement being issued and may be renewed. Please note: If an individual already holds an educator license indicative of a bachelor's degree or an educator license with stipulations endorsed for career and technical educator, an educator license with stipulations is not required to serve in the capacity of a paraprofessional.

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