



# Paraprofessional-to-Teacher Pathway



# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Paraprofessionals who:

- Do not have a bachelor's degree
  - Have some college credit hours
- Are interested in EC-6<sup>th</sup> grades
- Are currently in an instructional para role
- Must be in good standing on current campus/site



# APPLICATION PROCESS

- District Issued Application
  - Application
  - Share Your Why
  - Constructed Response Questions
- Letters of Recommendation
  - Current Principal
  - Colleague



# DALLAS COLLEGE'S PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	+1 Certification Year
<p>30 hours of coursework toward the Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>1 day of release time every four weeks to meet with your cohort</p>	<p>30 hours of coursework toward the Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>1 day of release time every four weeks to meet with your cohort</p>	<p>30 hours of coursework toward the Bachelor of Applied Science in Elementary Education (BAS ECE)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>1 day of release time every week to meet with your cohort</p>	<p>30 hours of coursework toward the Bachelor of Applied Science in Elementary Education (BAS ECE)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Students are partnered with a mentor teacher to complete the paid, year-long, residency.</p>	<p>Alternative Certification Program</p> <p>Students receive intense licensure support to pass state certification exams.</p>

# THE PARA COHORT EXPERIENCE

Shared Cohort with  
DeSoto ISD X Village Tech Charter School

- Build relationships
- Find an accountability partner
- Be inspired by a group of people who have the same goal as you
- Spend time on campus and get involved
- Gain tools to be successful as a student and in the classroom
- Be supported through the whole process



# FINANCIAL AID

Type of Financial Aid	Funding Source	Maximum Award	Information
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Federal level	Up to \$7,395 (2023-2024)	•Amount depends on the information you submit
Educational Aide Exemption Program	State level	Recipients are exempt from the payment of tuition and certain mandatory fees at participating Texas public institutions of higher education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Dallas college is a participating institution</li> <li>•For Paraprofessionals</li> <li>•Apply as you start with Dallas College</li> </ul>
Chesmar Teacher Scholarship	Local level	Up to \$1,185	•Dallas College students who want to be teachers
Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)	State level		•No SSN required

# QUESTIONS?

