



Certified Teaching Assistant (CTA)

High School Students ONLY

- Meets qualifications for paraprofessional
- Has received pedagogical training and completed 80-100 hours of field experience
- Qualified to fulfill instructional support roles
- Districts and Colleges should support CTA on a pathway to licensure, examples include:
 - Flexible work schedule
 - Experiential college credit

To receive CTA credential, the following steps are required:*(Students can be considered using coursework taken from 2016-2017 forward)*

- [Complete the full education program of study](#)
- [Arkansas Department of Education and Educators Rising Information](#)
- Pass the parapro assessment and meet all requirements for a paraprofessional
- Complete 80-100 hours of field experience

How to Apply

To apply for the Certified Teaching Assistant credential, please complete the online application, and upload all of the items listed below. ***Before you start the application***, make sure you have electronic copies of the following documents readily available: a copy of your transcript showing completed coursework, a copy of your Paraprofessional Praxis results documenting a passing score, and documentation of at least 80 field hours.

- [Complete the online application](#) **(Reminder: High School Students ONLY)**
- Upload copy of transcript (unofficial acceptable) with completed program of study coursework.
- Upload copy of paraprofessional assessment confirming passed
- Upload field experience log for documentation of 80-100 field hours
- Once approved, candidate will receive an electronic CTA Certificate