

Professional Training Points (PTPs)

One of the ways in which a paraprofessional candidate can become eligible for approval to provide instructional support in a program supported by Title I funds (per NCLB requirements) is to

- earn the State letter of approval through either 30 semester hours of college coursework or completion of a training program approved by ISBE or Illinois Community College Board (ICCB)

AND

- earn 300 Professional Training Points.

The following is a description of the ways in which Professional Training Points can be earned and the required documentation.

- One (1) year of paraprofessional work experience (public or private) = 30 PTPs (maximum 150 PTPs). -- Evidence is an official letter signed by the chief administrator or other designated official of the employing school or district.
- College credit beyond the 30 semester-hour state requirement --- One (1) semester hour of college credit at a regionally accredited institution of higher education = 15 PTPs -- Evidence is an official transcript.
- Completion of the *Paraprofessional Test Preparation Curriculum* developed by ISBE/ICCB = 15 PTPs. Evidence is a certificate of completion.
- One (1) hour of professional development related to the paraprofessional's ability to assist in the instruction of reading/language arts, writing, and/or mathematics = 1 PTP.
 - If the training activity occurred before July 1, 2004, evidence is a written description of the activity, which includes the subject, date, location, and name of the provider. If available, provide a program, outline, or provider completion form.
 - Beginning July 1, 2004, evidence is a provider completion form (ISBE Form 77-21) which includes subject, date, and location. If available, provide a program or outline.