

## Professional Development Online Course Offerings 2004-2005

### Collaboration: Understanding Your Role

This 7-hour course provides a vehicle for the paraprofessional to explore the concept of collaboration in depth. Help will be provided to establish the paraprofessional as a viable partner in the classroom. The skills both teachers and paraprofessionals need for collaboration will be examined. Roles, rules and relationships tips will be investigated and suggestions for overcoming barriers to collaboration will be included. Participants will draft an action plan to work through with their supervising teacher.

Ultimately, the overall goal of helping students achieve can be more seamlessly attained by developing a thorough understanding of collaboration.

**Content:**

Participants will:

- define collaboration
- explore teacher skills
- review suggestions for enhancement of the relationship
- investigate guiding questions about the relationship
- reflect on paraprofessional skills
- develop a clarification of roles
- a plan for implementation

**Audience:**

**K-12 Paraprofessional Educator**

**Estimated Time:**

***6 weeks- Approximately 7 hours of engagement***

**Evidence of Completion:**

To meet the requirements as posted in the course rubric.

**Course Developer:**

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