



## Join the Queens-Grown Upskilling Paraprofessionals Program

at Queens College School of Education  
in collaboration with LEAP to Teacher

Are you a paraprofessional ready to take the next step in your career?  
Queens College will help you earn your **Initial New York State Teaching Certification** with financial and academic support every step of the way



### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Full-time or Substitute  
Paraprofessionals\* enrolled in or planning  
to enroll in an Undergraduate teacher  
preparation program



### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Admission to Queens College
- Applicants must be current paraprofessionals\* (full-time or substitute)
- Meet individual teacher education program requirements
- Commitment to earning an initial NYS teaching certification

\*Including Teaching Assistants



### WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM OFFER?

- Financial support: coverage for in-state tuition and fees, certification expenses, instructional materials
- Coverage of certification exam fees
- Dedicated mentorship and advising throughout your academic journey
- Certification exams preparation support
- Flexible scheduling



### PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

- Maintaining good academic standing in your teacher education program
- Attend required workshops and mentoring sessions
- Complete required clinical experiences
- Demonstrate commitment to serving diverse communities

Apply Here

<https://forms.office.com/r/hjjU152hur>

or scan the QR code



### QUESTIONS?

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