

Approved Paraeducator Preparation Programs & Certifying Official

Organization	Programs	Certifying Official
1. Buena Vista University	Generalist	Angela Hunter Director of Teacher Education Programs Associate Professor Education Buena Vista University 610 W 4th St, Storm Lake, IA 50588 712-749-1997 huntera@bvua.edu
2. Central Rivers AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs	Kay Schmalen Director of Professional Learning Central Rivers AEA 1521 Technology Pkwy, Cedar Falls, IA 50613 800-392-6640 or 641-329-4271 kschmalen@centralriversaea.org www.centralriversaea.org
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4. Grand View University	Generalist	Jaclyn Easter Associate Professor of Education Department Chair and Graduate Program Coordinator Grand View University, Education Department 1200 Grandview Ave, Des Moines, IA 50316 515-263-2973 jeaster@grandview.edu
5. Grant Wood AEA	Generalist	Brandie Gean Director of Continuing Education Grant Wood AEA 4401 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 515-270-9030 www.gwaea.org bgean@heartlandaea.org
6. Great Prairie AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs English as a Second Language	Brandie Gean Director of Continuing Education Great Prairie AEA 2814 N Court, Ottumwa, IA 52501 515-270-9030 brandie.gean.@gpaea.org www.gpaea.org

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9. Heartland AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs Library Media Tech English as a Second Language	<p>Brandie Gean Director of Continuing Education Heartland AEA 6500 Corporate Dr, Johnston, IA 50131 515-270-9030 bgean@heartlandaea.org</p>
10. Indian Hills Community College	Generalist	<p>Amy Taylor Dean, Arts & Sciences Indian Hills Community College 525 Grandview Ave, Ottumwa, IA 52501 641-683-5111 x5154 amy.taylor@indianhills.edu www.indianhills.edu</p>
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13. Keystone AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood	<p>Kay Schmalen Director of Professional Learning Keystone AEA 1400 Second St NW, Elkader, IA 52043 800-392-6640 or 641-329-4271 kschmalen@centralriversaea.org www.aea1.k12.ia.us</p>
14. Kirkwood Community College	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs English as a Second Language Career and Transition Vision Impairment Autism Spectrum Disorders Advanced Generalist	<p>Patrice Becicka Para oversight Kirkwood Community College 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-398-4995 Patrice.Becicka@kirkwood.edu</p> <p>Angela Gillis Associate Dean Kirkwood Community College 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-398-1241 Angela.Gillis@kirkwood.edu</p>
15. Mississippi Bend AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs Autism Spectrum Disorders School Library Media English as a Second Language	<p>Kay Schmalen Director of Professional Learning Mississippi Bend AEA 729 21st St, Bettendorf, IA 52722 800-392-6640 or 641-329-4271 kschmalen@centralriversaea.org</p> <p>Lacy Christner 563-344-6478 lchristner@mbaea.org https://www.mbaea.org/</p>

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18. Northwest AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Autism School Library Media English as a Second Language	<p>Kay Schmalen Director of Professional Learning Northwest AEA 1520 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA 51106 800-392-6640 or 641-329-4271 kschmalen@centralriversaea.org https://www.nwaea.org</p>
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20. Prairie Lakes AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs English as a Second Language	<p>Kay Schmalen Director of Professional Learning Prairie Lakes AEA 500 NE 6th St, Pocahontas, IA 50574 800-392-6640 or 641-329-4271 kschmalen@centralriversaea.org https://www.plaea.org/</p>
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23. University of Iowa	Generalist	<p>Mark McDermott Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and Educator Preparation 240 S Madison, Iowa City, IA 52242 319-335-5591 mark-a-mcdermott@uiowa.edu</p>
24. Upper Iowa University	Generalist	<p>Alex Hansen Teacher Education Chair Upper Iowa University 605 Washington St, PO Box 1857, Fayette, IA 52142 https://uiu.edu/academics/teacher-education/#paraeducator-certification 563-425-5397 hansena828@uiu.edu</p>