

Approved Paraeducator Preparation Programs and Certifying Official

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1. Buena Vista University	Generalist	<p>Angela Hunter Director of Teacher Education Programs 712-749-1997 huntera@bvu.edu Associate Professor Education Buena Vista University 610 West 4th St. Storm Lake, IA 50588</p>
2. Central Rivers AEA	<p>Generalist</p> <p><i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs (starting fall 2024)</p>	<p>Angie Gansen (recommending official) agansen@centralriversaea.org 319-268-7616 Central Rivers AEA 1521 Technology Parkway Cedar Falls, IA 50613</p> <p>Kay Schmalen Director of Professional Learning Central Rivers AEA 9184 265th St. Suite B Clear Lake IA 50428 Office: 800-392-6640 or 641-329-4271 Cell: 641-529-1219 kschmalen@centralriversaea.org</p> <p>www.centralriversaea.org</p>
3. Des Moines Area Community College	Generalist	<p>Patsy Steffen (recommending official) Program Chair for the Education Department Education Instructor Des Moines Area Community College 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd Ankeny, IA 50023 515-965-7048 pesteffen@dmacc.edu</p>
4. Dordt University	Generalist	<p>Dr. Abby De Groot(recommending official) Assistant Professor of Education Teacher Preparation Program Director Dordt University 700 7th St. NE Sioux Center, IA 51250 712-722-6325 abby.degroot@dordt.edu www.dordt.edu</p>

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5. Grand View University	Generalist	Dr. Jaclyn Easter (recommending official) Associate Professor of Education Department Chair and Graduate Program Coordinator Grand View University, Education Department 1200 Grandview Ave. Des Moines, IA 50316 Associate Professor 515-263-2973 Rasmussen 238 jeaster@grandview.edu
6. Grant Wood AEA	Generalist	Julie Stoneking (recommending official) Professional Learning Coordinator Grant Wood AEA 4401 Sixth Street SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-399-6517 jstoneking@gwaea.org
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8. Green Hills AEA	Generalist	Michelle McKinney (recommending official) Professional Development Coordinator Green Hills AEA Halverson Center 24997 Highway 92 Council Bluffs, IA 51503 844-366-0503 mmckinney@ghaea.org
9. Hawkeye Community College	Generalist Early Childhood	Emily Knutson (Generalist) (recommending official) emily.knutson@hawkeyecollege.edu Jane Even (Early Childhood Para) Associate Professor in Early Childhood Education 319-296-2320 x1431 jane.even@hawkeyecollege.edu Michael Leary Interim Dean Michael.leary@hawkeyecollege.edu

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10. Heartland AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs Library Media Tech English as a Second Language	Brandie Gean (recommending official) License Renewal Coordinator Heartland AEA 6500 Corporate Drive Johnston, IA 50131 515-270-0405 x14459 bgean@heartlandaea.org Andrea Krier Professional Learning Registrar Heartland Area Education Agency 6500 Corporate Drive Johnston, IA 50131 515-473-6845 akrier@heartlandaea.org
11. Indian Hills Community College	Generalist	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
12. Iowa Central Community College	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs	Jeffrey Halter (recommending official) Associate Professor/Coordinator, Early Childhood Education Iowa Central Community College One Triton Circle Fort Dodge, IA 50501 515-574-1198 halter@iowacentral.edu
13. Iowa Valley Community College District	Generalist	Ashtyn Beek Iowa Valley Community College 123 6th Avenue West Grinnell, IA 50112 641-269-2202. Ashtyn.Beek@iavalley.edu
14. Iowa Western Community College	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood	Joni Ahrenholtz Education Coordinator Business & Community Education 712-325-3275 jahrenholtz@iwcc.edu Mr. Matt Mancuso Executive Director of Business and Community Education mmancuso@iwcc.edu 712-325-3434
15. Keystone AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood	Tesha A. Moser-Zimmerman Associate Administrator/Director of Educational Services Keystone Area Education Agency 1400 Second Street NW Elkader, IA 52043 Office: 800-632-5918 Cell: 563-214-9949 Fax: 563-245-1484 www.aea1.k12.ia.us

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16. Kirkwood Community College	<p>Generalist</p> <p><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>	<p>Ms. Patrice Becicka (recommending official) Para oversight Kirkwood Community College 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-398-4995 Patrice.Becicka@kirkwood.edu</p> <p>Mrs. Angela Gillis Associate Dean Kirkwood Community College 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-398-1241 Angela.Gillis@kirkwood.edu</p>
17. Mississippi Bend AEA	<p>Generalist</p> <p><i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs Autism Spectrum Disorders School Library Media</p>	<p>Mrs. Heather Whitman (recommending official) Focus Area Consultant: Media Staff Development Specialist Mississippi Bend AEA 729 21st Street Bettendorf, IA 52722 563-344-6526 hwhitman@mbaea.org</p> <p>Lacy Christner lchristner@aea9.k12.ia.us</p>
18. Mount Mercy University	<p>Generalist</p>	<p>Dr. Paula Ganzeveld (recommending official) Assistant Professor Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Licensing Official Mount Mercy University 1330 Elmhurst Dr. Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-363-8213 x1388 pganzeveld@mtmercy.edu</p> <p>Dr. Jennifer Lynn Rasmussen Professor of Education Education Department Chair Mount Mercy University 1330 Elmhurst Dr. Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-363-8213 x8888 jrasmussen@mtmercy.edu</p>
19. North Iowa Area Community College	<p>Generalist</p>	<p>Joe Davis Division Chair Business, Humanities & Human & public Services North Iowa Area Community College 500 College Drive Mason City, IA 50401 BC217 641-422-4121 Joe.Davis@niacc.edu</p>

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22. Prairie Lakes AEA	Generalist <i>Areas of Concentration:</i> Early Childhood Special Needs English as a Second	Linda Ankeny (recommending official) License Renewal Coordinator Prairie Lakes AEA 23 East 7th Street Spencer, IA 712-346-5005 lankenyp@plaea.org
23. University of Dubuque	Generalist	Chad Biermeier Ed.D. (recommending official) Head of Teacher Education Associate Professor of Education 301 Smith Hall University of Dubuque 2000 University Ave. Dubuque, IA 52001 563-589-3590 cbiermeier@dbq.edu Jeff Haverland (recommending official) Associate Professor of Education 303 Smith Hall 563-589-3723 jhaverland@dbq.edu
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26. Southwestern Community College	Generalist	Salina Chesnut Southwestern Community College 1501 W Townline St. Creston, IA 50801 641-782-1329 chesnut@swcciowa.edu