

THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF HUMAN CAPITAL
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201

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Deadline Date: March 29, 2019

POSITION: PARAPROFESSIONAL TO SERVE AS:

LEAD TEACHER ASSISTANT (LTA) OR BILINGUAL LEAD TEACHER ASSISTANT SPECIAL EDUCATION (BLTA)

LOCATION: VARIOUS SCHOOLS

OVERVIEW:

These positions have been created to allow for a more diverse use of paraprofessionals in classrooms and schools to support students' needs. The positions allow schools the ability to utilize a paraprofessional in the role of a true Assistant Teacher, supporting instruction in the classroom, working with students alone or in small groups, under the general supervision of the classroom teacher throughout the school year. These positions also afford paraprofessionals the opportunity to hone their skills while creating a possible pathway to a teaching career.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The **LTA** is assigned to one classroom, supporting all aspects of instruction. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Assisting the teacher of record in planning, preparation and delivery of daily instruction.
- Assisting the teacher of record by working with students alone or in small groups. Under the general supervision and the direct supervision of the teacher, assist in the delivery of instruction to part of or the entire class.
- Supporting the practice of other paraprofessionals in their school through on the job activities such as inter-visitation and demonstrations of classroom work; attending and delivering professional development during the workday to turnkey knowledge to other paraprofessionals in the school.
- Covering for the teacher of record to whom the LTA is assigned for up to ten days over the course of the school year.
- Bilingual applicants may be considered for non-special education classrooms with multilingual learners.

The **BLTA- Special Education** - is assigned to support all aspects of instruction for students who are recommended for bilingual special education. These positions are limited and must first be approved by the Central Divisions of Specialized Instruction and Student Support and Human Capital. The responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assisting the teacher of record in planning, preparation and delivery of daily BILINGUAL instruction.
- Assisting the teacher of record by working with BILINGUAL students alone or in small groups. Adapting classroom materials, activities, assessments, and/or assignments under the direction of the classroom teacher for the purpose of supporting and reinforcing class objectives.
- Assisting students with limited English language skills with lesson assignments individually, or in small groups.
- Implementing, under the direction of the teacher, instructional programs and lesson plans.
- Monitoring individual and/or groups of students in a variety of settings in order to provide a safe and positive learning environment.
- Working with the teacher to provide a culturally responsive, relevant, and respectful classroom environment.
- Providing opportunities for students to access and process content and information in their home language as appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Candidates must hold a Bachelor's Degree and a Teacher Assistant certification (any level I, II or III) from the New York State Education Department. (*Paraprofessionals who were hired before 9/1/2004, and who have been grandfathered in for employment are required to obtain their NYS Teacher Assistant certification (Level I, II or III), to be eligible for this position*).
- Candidates must meet all qualifications for the position at the time of their application and before the March 29, 2019 deadline.
- Must have served one year as a full-time active paraprofessional.
- Must have a satisfactory record of attendance and punctuality.
- BLTA applicant must be fully bilingual in the target language.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Experience working in teams and collaborating with colleagues.
- Willingness to collaborate with the classroom teacher in the planning and delivery of instruction targeted to meet the needs of diverse learners.
- Ability to build relationships with students.
- Knowledge of small group and classroom management techniques.
- Ability to work independently with students and engage them in the learning process by using multiple strategies.
- Participation in activities that encourage continuous professional growth.
- Willingness to support practice of other paraprofessionals and share strategies with them to build capacity.
- Ability to communicate proficiently verbally and in writing.
- Bilingual applicants for both the LTA and the BLTA, will be expected to complete both an in-person interview as well as a writing sample in their second language. Candidates who have passed the NYS Bilingual Educational Assessment (BEA) examination will be exempt from an interview in the native language.

SCHEDULE/WORK YEAR:

As per NYCDOE/UFT agreement, School Based Schedule. Additionally, Applicants must be available during the last week in August to participate in a mandatory two day training session (Per Session offered at the training rate). Exact dates and times of the training to be determined. Additionally, there will be regular trainings scheduled during the school year during the regular school day. Those selected for LTA positions will be required to attend a joint collaborative training with the UFT Teacher Center. Those selected for BLTA positions will be required to attend the same trainings plus an additional four targeted professional development modules focused on bilingual special education.

SALARY:

The Lead Teacher Assistant and Bilingual Lead Teaching Assistant are annual positions, and both the LTA and BLTA will receive additional compensation of \$5000 over and above the applicable contracted annual salary for one-year contingent upon the selected candidate remaining in the position at the school through the full 2019-2020 school year.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A joint DOE-UFT committee to establish a pool of eligible candidates will screen the applications. The committee will invite eligible applicants for an in-person interview with representatives of the Joint Committee. Once the eligible pool is established, principals who choose to create the LTA/BLTA position will make hiring selections from the pool and work with their HR Directors to facilitate the hiring of the selected candidate. Individuals selected by a principal are NOT obligated to accept an offer for an LTA/BLTA position, nor are principals obligated to establish the position.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Eligible applicants must complete and submit an online application. Only one application is necessary. Please indicate in the application if you would like to be considered for a bilingual position.**
- The application can be accessed through the Scholarship and Incentives website at: www.teachnycprograms.net through the Career Training Portal.
- Applications will be available online from **February 6, 2019** through close of business (**5:00PM**), **March 29, 2019**.
- The following documentation must accompany the application:
 - Resume.
- **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Questions regarding this posting should be directed to HR Connect at 718 935-4000.

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