

# MAKE THE CAREER CONNECTION

for

## ***TEACHER ASSISTANT AIDE***

**YOUR ROP TRAINING  
LEADS TO JOBS as...**

### **Entry Level**

(High School Diploma/ROP Training)

Teacher Aide

Family Child Care Provider

Recreation Aide

After School Program Supervisor

### **Technical Level**

(Community College Degree/RAP)

Associate degree programs are available.

Preschool Teacher

Special Education Aide

### **Professional Level**

(Baccalaureate Degree)

Elementary/Secondary Teacher

Preschool Director

Child Psychologist

Students will benefit by having knowledge of computer science, math, science, and language skills.

## WHAT IS ROP?

The Baldy View Regional Occupational Program is a cooperative vocational education effort between the Chaffey Joint Union High School District, Chino Valley Unified School District, Claremont Unified School District, and Upland Unified School District. ROP's purpose is to provide a wide variety of career preparation at the entry and technical levels to meet the needs of high school students and adults.

***Prepare for YOUR future NOW  
by enrolling in ROP TODAY!***

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

High school students should contact the Career Technician at their high school.

Adults should call Baldy View R.O.P. office for specific enrollment dates and available classes.

**(909) 624-0063**

**[bvrop.K12.ca.us](http://bvrop.K12.ca.us)**

Enrollment priority:

- ❖ High School Students: seniors, juniors, sophomores, 16 yrs. of age and older.
- ❖ Adults living within our geographical service area.
- ❖ Adults living outside our geographical service area

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## TEACHER ASSISTANT AIDE



A career preparation program designed to provide related instruction and practical experience.



## WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM PREPARE ME TO DO?

Teacher aides, also called paraprofessionals, paraeducators, or instructional assistants provide instructional and clerical support for classroom teachers, allowing teachers more time for lesson planning and teaching. Aides assist and supervise students in the classroom, cafeteria, schoolyard, or on field trips. They record grades, set up equipment, or help prepare materials for instruction. They also tutor and assist children in learning class material following the teacher's lesson plans and under the teacher's supervision.

Aides' responsibilities vary greatly. Some teacher aides handle routine nonteaching and clerical tasks. Other aides instruct children, under the direction and guidance of teachers. They work with students individually or in small groups, listening while students read, reviewing or reinforcing class work, or helping them find information for reports. Teacher aides also assist students working with computers and educational software. Some teacher aides work in computer laboratories.

An aide might work with students in a special program for the learning disabled, physically or mentally challenged, or hearing impaired. A bilingual aide might help non-English speaking students to read, write and speak English.

### Working Conditions

Over half of all teacher aides work part time. Most aides who provide educational instruction work the traditional 9- to 10-month school year, usually in a classroom setting. Aides may also work outdoors supervising recess when weather allows, and spend much of their time standing, walking, or kneeling. Aides who interact closely with students may find the work both physically and emotionally tiring.

### Requirements and Training

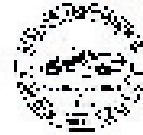
Applicants must pass a state-mandated proficiency test in reading, language, and math. Aides must be able to communicate effectively with both students and teachers, and clerical skills may be necessary also.

All schools require applicants to be fingerprinted and to be 18 years of age.

## STUDENT OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of an ROP course, each student will:

- ❖ Demonstrate occupational specific, communication and critical thinking skills
- ❖ Demonstrate responsible work ethics
- ❖ Demonstrate career/employment literacy
- ❖ Demonstrate effective use of technology



## EMPLOYMENT AND OUTLOOK

Although Teacher Aides can assist any elementary or secondary school grade, most are concentrated in the early grades. Job opportunities vary depending upon factors such as population growth, government funding, and the supply of qualified job applicants. A significant number assist special education teachers in working with children who have disabilities. In California, the rapidly rising number of students who speak English as a second language should increase the need of aides who have a facility in another language.

About 61,400 additional Teacher Aides jobs are expected between 1993 and 2005. This places them sixth on the list of largest projected growth in California. About 32,500 additional job openings will be created

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ❖ Minimum age - 16 years old or 11th grade
- ❖ Ability to work with young students
- ❖ Ability to work independently
- ❖ Demonstrate initiative and a willingness to follow the classroom teacher's directions
- ❖ Ability to handle classroom situations with fairness and patience
- ❖ Ability to read and write in English and recall information
- ❖ Good oral and writing skills
- ❖ Good manual dexterity and motor coordination
- ❖ Dress requirement: professional dress as required by the community site

## ROP TEACHERS

ROP teachers know the job market, have business and industry experience within the field they teach and are credentialed. **LEARN FROM THE BEST WITH ROP TEACHERS.**

## COURSE LENGTH

One semester course

## ROP CERTIFICATE of TRAINING

An ROP certificate of completion, including competencies, is awarded to students who complete the course.

## HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Upon successful completion of the class, recommended credits earned in ROP are forwarded to each student's high school. These credits may be applied toward fulfillment of the requirements for a high school diploma.