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## Troops to Teachers (TTT)

### Myth

- **TTT provides classes and programs that lead to teacher licensing.**
- **TTT awards teaching licenses.**
- **TTT forces troops to teach in a particular school.**
- **Once a troop registers, they must teach for 3 years.**
- **It takes YEARS to earn a teaching license.**
- **A person must have a degree in Education.**
- **All teachers are state employees.**

### Fact

- **TTT does NOT** teach classes. TTT helps Troops to find state-approved licensure programs.
- **TTT does NOT** issue teaching licenses. Most TTT advisors are not licensing specialists; however, they are familiar with state licensing requirements. Each state has specific licensure requirements.
- Troops must obtain employment in a school that qualifies as 'Stipend/Bonus Eligible' only if they accept TTT funds. The **troop decides** where to teach.
- **REGISTRATION does NOT** obligate a troop to teach for 3 years. An obligation is only incurred once a troop accepts funding.
- Obtaining a license **does NOT** require years of preparation. There are various fast-track *alternative* programs; some as short as 10 weeks.
- A Degree in *Education* **is NOT** required to become a teacher; however, most teaching positions require at least a Bachelor's degree (in any major). A Master's Degree **is NOT** required to become a teacher.
- A troop **is NOT** a state or federal employee. A Troop is an employee of the hiring school district.



## Virginia Troops to Teachers

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**Troops to Teachers (TTT)** was established in 1994 as a Department of Defense program. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) in Pensacola, FL. The state office for Virginia TTT is located in Norfolk and supports every teacher licensure program at all of the Commonwealth of Virginia institutions of higher learning. The primary objective of TTT is to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income

families throughout the United States. TTT helps relieve the teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education and other high-need subject areas, and assists military personnel in making a successful transition to a second career in teaching.

TTT provides a \$5,000.00 stipend to assist military personnel who are (1) retired, (2) within one year of retiring with an approved retirement date, (3) honorably discharged with 6 or more years of service and willing to obligate in the active reserves on a three-year contract, or (4) separated for physical disability on or after 8 Jan 02; these personnel must apply within 4 years after separation. TTT funds are also available to members of the drilling Reserves/National Guard with 10 or more years of total service. Military personnel with Bachelor's degrees or one year equivalent of college and a minimum of 6 years experience in a vocational/technical field may use the stipend to pay for any approved teacher licensure program in any state-accredited college. The stipend may not be used for training principals, guidance counselors or private school teachers. TTT participants are obligated to teach for three years in a high-need school district.

Participants hired to teach in a setting where 50% or more of the students are on free or reduced lunches or their Individual Disability Education Act (IDEA) percentage meets the criteria specified by the Department of Education are eligible for a \$10,000 bonus. Acceptance of any monies obligates the Troops to Teachers participant to teach for three years in a poverty level school.



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