

Teacher and Teacher's Aide Opportunities/Troops to Teachers

Troops to Teachers offers military personnel, either active or reserve, assistance in pursuing a new career in public education as teachers. Pending appropriations, qualified personnel may be eligible for a stipend to help pay for the cost of a teacher certification program or receive a bonus to teach in "high needs" school districts.

The general requirements of the program are that you must hold a baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution at the time of application. It is for individuals who are interested in teaching in an elementary or secondary education classroom.

If you are interested in teaching at a vocational or technical school, then you will need to have a minimum of one year of college (or the equivalent) with six years of experience in a vocational or technical field. This is also required if you are interested in instructing at the secondary level.

There are also service requirements for this program, and those include:

- ☐ Continuous active duty for 6 years or more, or
- ☐ Reserve members with 10+ years of active and/or reserve service, or
- ☐ Active or reserve members separated due to physical disability, and
- ☐ Last period of service in the Armed Forces is honorable.

Financial assistance is available to certain military personnel. Troops to Teachers also has a "Hire in Advance Program" for eligible service members up to three years before they retire or separate from active duty.

Eligibility criteria and application procedures may be found on the Troops to Teacher home page: www.proudtoserveagain.com or www.dantes.doded.mil/.