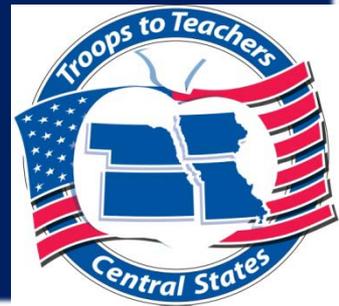
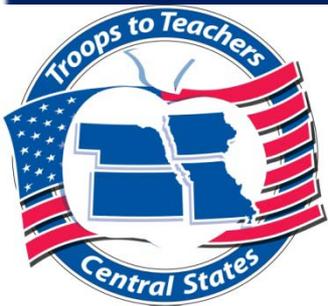




Teaching as a Second Career

Military Installation
Date



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I WANT TO BE A TEACHER, I THINK

- First, do you *really want to be a teacher?*
- If you've not been in a classroom recently, you might not know what you are getting into.
- Before you invest a lot of time and money in preparing for a new career, learn more about the challenges involved in being a teacher in the public school system.

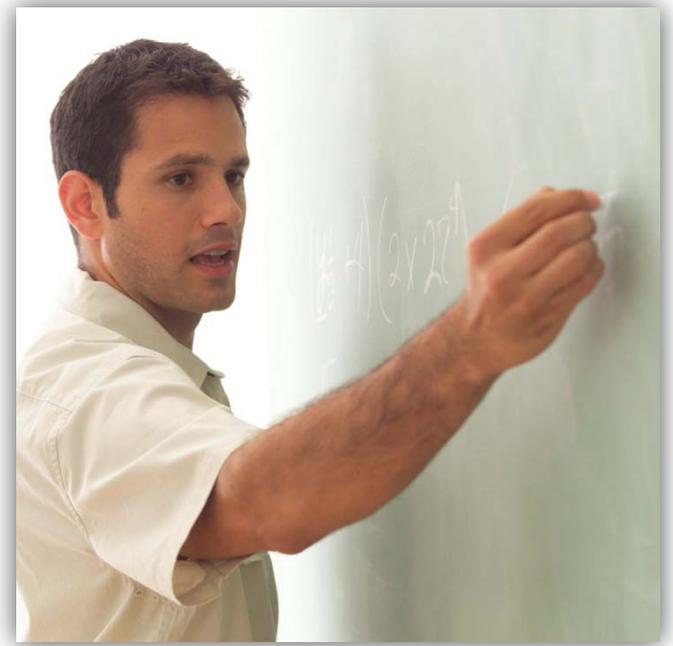
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HOW TO VISIT THE CLASSROOM

- Get in a classroom and see if you “fit” by visiting, volunteering or even teaching on an informal basis.
- Become a substitute teacher. Search for “substitute teachers” using Internet search engines to locate ideas and tips.
- Ask the principal for a working relationship with a teacher in a specific subject area.

THE TEACHING PROFESSION

- Common language
- High need subject areas
 - Math
 - Science
 - Special education
 - Foreign language
 - ESOL
 - FACS
- School Cultures
- Pay Scales





LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Three pillars
 - Content: subject area contained in your degree
 - Pedagogy: completion of a teacher licensure program
 - Testing: Praxis use the code, troops , for a 10% discount at <http://www.ets.org/>

TYPES OF LICENSURE PROGRAMS

- Degree with license
 - Undergraduate
 - Graduate
- Licensure only
- Alternative Route





GAINING EXPERIENCE

- Volunteer
- Substitute Teacher
- Paraeducator
 - Support classroom teachers



TROOPS TO TEACHERS

- Funded by the US Department of Education
- Nationwide (see handout)
- Program Purpose:
 - Assist military personnel transition to second careers as teachers in K-12 public schools
 - Recruit quality teachers for public schools
 - Help relieve teacher shortages, primarily in high need subject areas

TROOPS TO TEACHERS: SERVICES

- Information on licensure requirements
- Links to employment opportunities
- Assessment of academic qualifications
- Reciprocity assistance





TROOPS TO TEACHERS: FINANCIAL

- Financial Assistance:
 - \$5,000 stipend for tuition assistance
 - \$10,000 bonus to teach in a low-income school
 - 3-year teaching commitment
 - Maximum received cannot exceed \$10,000
 - Eligibility requirements apply
www.proudtoserveagain.com



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Federal TEACH Grant
- Stafford Loan Forgiveness Program for Teachers

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Questions?