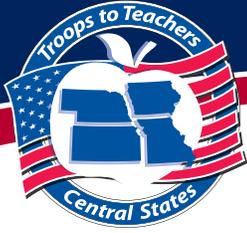


# TROOPS TO TEACHERS



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Before 1 July 1974 - United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI)

Between 1942 and 1974, the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) provided education opportunities which included GED, General Examinations of the College Level and USAFI Courses, to Service members in the U.S., Alaska, Caribbean, Europe, Hawaii and Japan.

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After 1 July 1974 - Transcripts and Grade Reports for Exams Sponsored by DANTES.

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- CLEP and DSST [www.getcollegecredit.com](http://www.getcollegecredit.com) - Test Takers – Military
  - Request scores for self-funded CLEP retests at [clep.collegeboard.org](http://clep.collegeboard.org)
  - ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - SAT [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org)
  - GMAT [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)
  - GRE / [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre)
  - Praxis [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)
  - ECE (exams not funded by DANTES effective 1 Oct 11)  
[www.excelsior.edu](http://www.excelsior.edu)
  - LSAT (exam not funded or reimbursed by DANTES) [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org)
- GED Taken by Service members and affiliated Civilians at U.S. and Overseas Military Installations -

Visit [www.gedtesting.com/testers/gedrequest-a-transcript](http://www.gedtesting.com/testers/gedrequest-a-transcript)

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Direct questions about transcripts to GED Testing Service via email to [help@gedtesting.com](mailto:help@gedtesting.com) or call 1-877-EXAM-GED (877-392-6433).

Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS)

Visit [www.dodea.edu/students/transcripts.cfm](http://www.dodea.edu/students/transcripts.cfm)

Direct questions about DoDEA Americas, DoDEA Europe, DoDEA Pacific and Panama Canal Zone to the appropriate records center.

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Many colleges require that students submit test results as part of the admission application process. Both the ACT and the SAT are standardized tests that help colleges evaluate candidates. Some schools accept either test interchangeably; however, Service members should check their education counselor prior to test. As you begin to think about college and creating the best application package possible, your admissions plan should begin with the question, "which test should I take?"

## COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAMS

Service members applying for college admission, an officer accession program, military-sponsored academy or professional program may require a current ACT or SAT score to include with their application packet.



## TEACHER CERTIFICATION GUIDE

Perhaps you're wondering what type of career to pursue that will be both meaningful and progressive. Teaching offers an opportunity to affect the world by informing, enlightening and guiding young minds. Teaching is also a career filled with growth potential. If you enjoy helping students grow in knowledge and understanding, then teaching may be right for you. Different states and agencies have State Testing Requirements, so you'll need to find out which tests are required for teacher licensure in your state, territory or organization.

### Licensing & Certification Requirements

Teaching certification requirements vary but generally applicants must complete a state-specific certification exam and/or one or more of the Praxis® Series exams.

### Who can Take a Teacher Certification Exam

Praxis Series® exams are available at an international network of test centers that include Prometric® test centers, some universities and other locations.

Service members should refer to DANTES Funding Eligibility Requirements to learn if they are eligible for reimbursement of the test fees by DANTES.

### Study Guides and Support Materials

Visit ETS/Praxis at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) for exam information and test prep materials.

### Troops to Teachers

Service members interested in the Troops to Teachers Program should visit [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com).

## STATE TEACHER JOB VACANCY SITES

**Looking for a new job?** These are some links that may prove useful for finding certified and substitute teaching jobs. For a more complete listing go to our website:

[WWW.TROOPSTOTEACHERS.MO.GOV](http://WWW.TROOPSTOTEACHERS.MO.GOV)

MO: <http://www.moteachingjobs.com/>

IA: <http://www.iowaeducationjobs.com/>

NE: <http://www.nebraskaeducationjobs.com/>

KS: <http://www.kansasteachingjobs.com/>

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**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**

Veterans Education and Training Section

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## WHY SHOULD I REGISTER IN THE TTT PROGRAM?

By registering for the program, TTT can assist you in several ways: There are state and regional offices across the U.S. helping military personnel make successful transitions to second careers in teaching. The TTT staff can assist you in many ways from helping you understand the certification requirements in the state you want to teach, to informing you about the various certification programs available to you, and finally helping you find employment opportunities as a teacher. Financial assistance may also be available based on availability of funds and eligibility criteria.

## HOW CAN I LOCATE THE TTT OFFICE FOR MY STATE?

TTT offices cover all fifty states and US territories. TTT state contact information is located at: <http://troopstoteachers.net/Portals/1/National%20Home%20Page/stateoffices.pdf>

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## TROOPS TO TEACHERS MENTORS

We are pleased to have a list of mentors on our web site. These people have successfully been through the process from start to finish. They are offering their thoughts, insights, and encouragement to others pursuing their goals of becoming teachers.

### WANT TO BECOME A MENTOR?

The advice and guidance you will provide is invaluable to fellow veterans interested in starting careers as K-12 public school teachers.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A MENTOR?

Visit: [DESE.TroopsToTeachers@DESE.mo.gov](mailto:DESE.TroopsToTeachers@DESE.mo.gov) or

click here to join us: <http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/TTT-MENTOR%20CONNECTION-%202006-14.pdf>

THE NATIONAL TROOPS TO TEACHERS WEBSITE IS LOCATED AT [WWW.PROUDTOSERVEAGAIN.COM](http://WWW.PROUDTOSERVEAGAIN.COM)

# VETERAN'S EDUCATION & TRAINING SECTION

## MISSOURI STATE APPROVING AGENCY



### ESSENTIAL ASPECTS OF THE GI BILL'S ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

- Veterans may also receive GI Bill benefits in the workplace, not just in college
- Veterans must be eligible to receive GI Bill benefits
- Active Guard and Reserve may also be eligible
- Veterans must apply within 12 months of being hired, in an entry-level job, working full-time, and must be supervised
- Job must require at least 6 months to become fully trained
- Wages cannot include commission
- Employer may be private, local, or state government

Contact the State Approving Agency for eligibility information and an application:

#### Veterans Education & Training Section

Missouri Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education  
PO Box 480, Jefferson City MO 65102

573.751.1250 or toll free 877.530.2765

#### WE HAVE MOVED

After three years at Truman Middle School the St. Louis Veterans Education and Training office has moved to Jefferson Barracks. We are located in the Armed Forces Reserve Center and the picture below shows our building.

Our new address and contact information is as follows:

#### Office Address:

Veterans Education and Training  
24 Davis Street, Room 5, St. Louis, MO 63125-4184

#### Phone Numbers:

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Michele Mueller	(314)416-2125	Fax Number	(314)416-2130
John Hose	(314)416-2129		



All contact information can also be found on our website at

<http://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/veterans-education>.

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816.241.1705

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St. Louis, MO 63125  
Phone: 314.416.2124



CLICK HERE FOR SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIAL TRAINING & INFORMATION RESOURCES

or go to: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school\\_training\\_resources.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_training_resources.asp)



AVECO was once again held at the St. Louis Union Station DoubleTree Hotel, July 18-21, 2016. Approximately 400 individuals were in attendance and heard about many topics important to certifying. One of the sessions included a panel discussion about the role of the State Approving Agency compared to the role of the VA. On the panel from left to right were Dan Winkelman, SAA Director for Illinois and President of NASAA, John Hose, SAA for Missouri, Rob Breeckner, SAA Director for Ohio, Chad Schatz, SAA Director for Missouri, Jim Marx, VA and Kathy Mitchell, VA.

## VA BENEFITS FOR COOPERATIVE TRAINING

The GI Bill is available to use with cooperative training. Cooperative training consists of individuals attending school part-time and work part-time.

VA will provide educational assistance for pursuit of a program of education offered at an institution of higher learning (IHL). The training must be full-time and consist of phases of school instruction alternated with training in a business or industrial establishment. The payment amount varies depending on the GI Bill program and the type of school you are attending.

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the benefits pay either the actual net costs for public in-state tuition and fees if the program is at a public IHL. If the program is in a private IHL, the lesser of the national maximum or the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees. Monthly housing allowance (MHA) is paid based on the location of the school. Up to \$1,000 per year is available for books and supplies.

VA pays a monthly rate that varies for all other programs, based on your entitlement.

A dedicated toll-free hotline is now available  
**FOR SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIALS (SCOS) ONLY.**

**Toll-free hotline number 1 (855) 225.1159**  
The hotline is available from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Central Time. SCOs must provide the school's facility code and be listed as a designated VA school certifying official to receive assistance through the dedicated hotline.

TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFITS, OR TO SEE HOW MUCH YOUR ENTITLEMENT IS, CALL 888.442.4551.

## WHAT ARE VA GI BILL OJT/ APPRENTICESHIP AND MISSOURI SHOW ME HEROES PROGRAMS?

Missouri State Approving Agency and the Show-Me Heroes Program agree to share information regarding VA benefits for on-the-job training and apprenticeship and Show Me Heroes on-the-job training reimbursements to employers.

The VA program for on-the-job-training and apprenticeship include benefits for eligible veterans and dependents. The minimum training program length is at least six months. Benefits range from \$276 to \$1,341 or more per month paid to the veteran, based on entitlement.

The Show-Me Heroes Program features a 50% wage reimbursement to employers in qualifying training for up to six months. Some veterans may qualify for both programs based on each program approval criteria.

Contact the Missouri State Approving Agency at **1-877-530-2765** or **1-573-751-1250**.

The Show-Me Heroes program phone number is **1-800-592-6020** and the web site is: <http://showmeheroes.mo.gov/>



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**Jefferson State Office Building, Civil Rights Compliance (Title VI/Title IX/504/ADA/Age Act) 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480p: 573.526.4757 or Relay Missouri p: 800.735.2966.**

# NEBRASKA

## ACT SELECTED TO PROVIDE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM



The Nebraska State Board of Education has selected ACT to provide the standardized college entrance exam for Nebraska students in the 11th grade. Beginning in the spring of 2017, the exam will be administered to all high school juniors and will replace the current Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessment at that grade level.

In April 2016, the Nebraska Legislature passed Legislative Bill 930 requiring public school students in the 11th grade to take a college admission test. In addition, the requirement for a statewide writing assessment will end after the 2016-17 school year and will be replaced with a statewide reading English Language Arts assessment, containing a writing component.

The ACT will provide students with a score that can be used at colleges or universities to contribute to application and admission decisions. ACT is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides assessment and research in education and workforce development.

Taken from the Nebraska State Board of Education Report September 2016

More information about educator preparation in Nebraska can found at [www.education.ne.gov/tcert](http://www.education.ne.gov/tcert)

# KANSAS

## JULY BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Co-chairs of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Vacancies and Supply offered several recommendations to Kansas State Board of Education members during a meeting Tuesday, July 12. Rudy Perez, principal of Norton Community High School, and Ken Weaver, dean of the Teacher College at Emporia State University, served as co-chairs of the task force. The group was created in March by Kansas Commissioner of Education Randy Watson to study teacher vacancies and supply and make recommendations to ensure there is a reduction of teaching vacancies in the state.

There were about 30 people who served on the task force, including superintendents, higher education representatives, human resource officers, teachers and school board members. The group had four three-hour meetings - one each in April and May and twice in June. The group determined that 99.28 percent of all teacher positions were filled with qualified teachers in 2015-2016. There were 277 vacancies during that year, and of those most were in the southwest and north central regions of the state. They also concluded that the number of students majoring in teaching education in the state had dropped from 7,752 in 2011 to 5,279 in 2014. They also learned that 22 percent of Kansas teachers have less than five years of experience, and 40 percent have less than 10 years.

### Data showed four immediate priorities to decrease vacancies and increase teacher supply:

- > Recruit teachers to rural communities and Kansas City, Kan., and Wichita.
- > Make teaching attractive to students and their parents.
- > Retain early career teachers.
- > Change the Work After Retirement KPERS rules to allow retired teachers, principals and superintendents to teach full time without loss of benefits or salary.

### Immediate recommendations for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years include:

- > Convene a group of people to create and implement a public relations campaign to tell Kansans the inspirational stories of Kansas teachers.
- > Expand the restricted license to include elementary.
- > Create a three- to five-year license for out-of-state licensed teachers who may need to complete additional requirements for an initial or professional Kansas license.
- > Open the database of licensed individuals to allow superintendents and principals to search for people in their area who currently aren't teaching.
- > Complete an analysis of teacher salaries by years of experience and region.
- > Maintain a Teacher Vacancy and Supply committee that can monitor teacher vacancy and supply data.
- > Add more steps on the pay scale to incentivize teachers to continue teaching rather than retire.
- > Provide \$1,000 year stipends for teachers who earn the Teacher Leader endorsement.
- > Increase funding for teacher salaries.

To read entire article go to: [http://www.ksde.org/Home/ctl/Details/Mid/3153/ItemID/42?ContainerSrc=\[L\]Containers/Ares/BevelTitle&SkinSrc=\[L\]Skins/KSDE/HomeMegaMenu%20-%20Copy](http://www.ksde.org/Home/ctl/Details/Mid/3153/ItemID/42?ContainerSrc=[L]Containers/Ares/BevelTitle&SkinSrc=[L]Skins/KSDE/HomeMegaMenu%20-%20Copy)

More information about educator preparation in Kansas can found at [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org)



# IOWA

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIRECTOR RYAN WISE

Anyone who thinks educators take the summer “off” clearly has not met an Iowa teacher or administrator. While the pace and schedule shift, the intensity and focus remain. Iowa’s teachers and school leaders use their summers to network, plan, and improve.

In one week in June I attended the Iowa Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance annual meeting; the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education Summit; the Iowa Catholic School Administrators Conference; and the Iowa Science Standards Summer Institute for high school teachers. While the atmosphere was summer casual, participants at each event focused on learning from national experts in their field as well as from colleagues from across Iowa. Teachers and administrators at these events were clearly passionate about their field. They used their time not only to collaborate and learn, but also to think big about goals and objectives for their profession. I gained insight about the issues that are important to their organizations.

In addition to role-alike and subject-specific networking, I’ve also observed Iowa educators collaborating across traditional lines of grades and disciplines. Benton Community School District and West Branch Community School District each hosted events focused on TLC implementation. And Des Moines Public Schools hosted a technology conference for teachers across the district.

Benton took an “ed camp” approach in which participants generated ideas for sessions at the beginning of the day and then voted with their feet by moving into rooms with topics that matched their interests. For me, this included sessions on overcoming challenges with instructional coaching at the secondary level, teacher transitions into and out of leadership roles, and integrating non-coaching roles into a local TLC plan. This “voice and choice” approach is becoming a driving force in professional development in Iowa and was on full display at the Benton Ed Camp.

Teacher leaders led the development of the TLC event in West Branch. They experienced substantial learning and growth in their first year of TLC implementation and took the initiative to share their lessons learned with districts about to enter the system. In Des Moines, TechCon 2016 was a high-energy event (with a middle school DJ playing tunes between sessions!) designed to provide ideas and inspiration to teachers and administrators on a variety of education technology topics. I had the privilege of listening to eight “Trailblazers” describe how they personalized learning through the effective integration of technology in their classrooms.

To read entire article go to: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/article/2016/07/20/director-wise-power-summer-professional-learning>

More information about educator preparation in Iowa can found at <http://educateiowa.gov/>

# MISSOURI

## MISSOURI TEACHERS NAMED FINALISTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL TEACHING AWARD 07/06/2016

Ten Missouri teachers have been selected as finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The 2016 state finalists come from kindergarten through sixth grades, as the PAEMST award honors the nation’s best K-12 mathematics and science teachers on a two-year rotating cycle. Nominations may be submitted by anyone, with the application consisting of three components: administrative, narrative, and video. The awards program, administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House, convenes local selection committees at the state level for selection to the national finals.

### The Missouri state finalists include:

Shannon Appelbaum, Science, Kirkwood R-VII School District  
Chris Hwande, Science, Clayton School District  
Kasey Lann, Mathematics, Wentzville R-IV School District  
Shelley Paul, Science, McDonald County R-I School District  
Tammy Stine, Mathematics, Ozark R-VI School District

Miranda Dix, Mathematics, Kirkwood R-VII School District  
Stephanie Knight, Science, Hazelwood School District  
Lisa McPherson, Science, Hazelwood School District  
Stephany Russell, Mathematics, Meadville R-IV School District  
Kendra Watson, Mathematics, Albany R-III School District

“These awardees are making strong contributions to their classrooms by instilling science and math skills in their students,” Missouri Commissioner of Education Dr. Margie Vandeven said. “Congratulations to these ten educators on their selection as a Missouri state finalist for the PAEMST award.” Up to 108 teachers nationwide will receive the 2016 PAEMST awards (link is external), with two teachers – mathematics or science – from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. territories, and schools operated by the United States overseas eligible for selection. Teachers who are selected as PAEMST awardees will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, and a Presidential certificate.

More information about educator preparation in Missouri can found at [dese.mo.gov/eq/ep/](http://dese.mo.gov/eq/ep/).

