

How It Works

Getting Certified

Teachers of Tomorrow makes the path to certification simple and achievable:

GET ELIGIBLE

The quality preparation we provide combines individualized test strategy, flexible training, and everything you need to begin your career in teaching.

START TEACHING

Teach for two academic semesters with full pay and benefits while receiving classroom support from your Field Supervisor and Campus mentor. You will then teach for an additional two years.

FULLY CERTIFIED

Upon successful completion of program requirements and 3 full years teaching, you will become fully certified to teach in the state of South Carolina!

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Enroll Today

All you need is a four year bachelor's degree in any major with a 2.5 GPA. After receiving your application, a Program Advisor will work with you to develop a winning strategy to earning your Professional Certificate. Our advisors will first guide you through the process of becoming eligible and applying for the Alternative Route Certificate through the South Carolina Department of Education.



Become Eligible

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum of a 2.5 GPA
- Submit official transcripts with date conferred
- Completed Application
- Interview with Program Advisor
- Passing score on the Electronic Screening Tool
- Enrollment Agreement
- Enrollment Fee

The quality preparation we provide combines individualized test strategy, flexible training, and everything you need to get hired and begin your career in teaching.

Once you apply, a Program Advisor will conduct a personalized one-on-one interview with you about your background, experiences, and your passion for the teaching field. You will then take our electronic screening instrument that helps to evaluate non-academic factors in relation to being in today's classrooms. A Program Advisor will evaluate your transcripts and provide guidance on specific certification areas based on your interests and qualifications.

TESTING

We provide guidance and resources to help you prepare for state exams. Upon admission, you will need to pass the applicable Praxis II Subject Area exam(s) that corresponds to the subject area you are pursuing as a teacher.

TRAINING

Developed by leading educators, our self-paced online training offers the most effective preparation for the classroom. Full access to teacher training is provided after you have met all admission requirements and are fully admitted into the Teachers of Tomorrow program.

Candidates in our teacher training program engage in a rigorous, research-based curriculum encompassing of 176 hours of professional training and 72 hours of field experience projects. Educational leaders provide the foundation of our curriculum, including the work of Dr. Robert Marzano, Dr. Madeline Hunter, Harry Wong, Dr. Benjamin Bloom, and Dr. Eric Jensen.

Teachers of Tomorrow's training coursework is continually updated to provide the most relevant and effective classroom preparation. More information on coursework can be found in the Course Catalog section of this document.



Start Teaching

Teach for two academic semesters with full pay and benefits as the teacher of record on an Alternative Route Certificate. Receive ongoing support from your Field Supervisor, your on-campus mentor, and our expert Program Advisors while completing your requirements. Our team comes together to help you grow as an educator and guide you to full Professional Certification.

YOUR JOB OFFER

- After passing your subject exam(s) and completing your initial 90 clock hours of Classroom Readiness training, you will receive the Teachers of Tomorrow Letter of Eligibility. Next you will apply for the Alternative Route Certificate through the SCDE and submit all of the required documentation.
- Begin seeking employment once the SCDE issues your Statement of Eligibility. Upon hire, give your Verification of Employment form to your employer and contact Teachers of Tomorrow for your next steps to be issued your Alternative Route Certificate.
- We will work with you to set up a monthly payment plan for the remaining program balance.

Effective Preparation for Today's Classrooms

Woven throughout the training curriculum are the essential characteristics of effective teachers:

- Instructional rigor and student engagement
- Lesson preparation and content knowledge
- Instructional decision making
- Classroom management
- Child development
- Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners
- Ethics and professionalism

YOUR INTERNSHIP YEAR

During this first year, you will lead your own classroom as a full- or part-time teacher with full pay and benefits. You will be assigned a Field Supervisor and Campus Mentor to provide support, answer questions, and help guide you through any situation that may arise. You will begin teaching on an Alternative Route Certificate while working towards full Professional Certification. The Alternative Route Certificate is valid for one year and must be renewed annually for two additional years.

Requirements during the Internship Year:

- Teach two full semesters as teacher of record.
- Complete 86 clock hours of Excellence in Teaching and Learning training and 72 hours of field experience projects.
- Up to three classroom observations during the year scheduled with your assigned Field Supervisor.
- Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): The pedagogy exam is designed to test your knowledge of the skills and competencies that are important for beginning teachers.

At the end of your Internship Year:

- Your Campus Principal and Field Supervisor each make a certification recommendation regarding your performance in the classroom.
- Successful completion of a summative Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching (ADEPT) evaluation.

After completing program requirements:

- You will continue to teach for two additional academic years on valid Alternative Route Certificates to satisfy the SCDE's successful teaching requirement of three full years.
- At the end of your first and second years of teaching, your employing district must submit a Verification of Employment form to the SCDE in order for your Alternative Route Certificate to be renewed.
- Teachers of Tomorrow must confirm to the SCDE that you are in good standing with our program as well.
- At the end of your third year teaching, you will present your documentation to the SCDE for recommendation of the Professional Certificate.



Full Certification

Once you've successfully completed the program and have taught for 3 total academic years, you will be ready to move onto your Professional Certificate as a fully certified teacher!



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