



## North Carolina Troops to Teachers

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The **Troops to Teachers program (TTT)** assists qualifying veterans and current military personnel in making a successful transition to a second career in teaching. The primary objective of Troops to Teachers is to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout the United States. TTT helps relieve teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education and other high-need subject areas.

TTT provides a \$5,000.00 stipend to assist military personnel who are:

- (1) retired, or
- (2) within one year of retiring with an approved retirement date, or
- (3) honorably discharged with 6 or more years of service and willing to obligate in the active reserves on a three-year contract.

Additional stipend requirements are:

- The stipend may only be used to reimburse costs associated with approved teacher licensure programs.
- A bachelor's degree is a prerequisite for funding education programs in academic areas.
- The degree must also be from a regionally accredited college or university.
- TTT participants are obligated to teach for three years in a high-need school district.

Eligible participants hired to teach in a school where 50% or more of the students are on free or reduced cost lunch programs or the school's Individual Disability Education Act (IDEA) percentage meets the criteria specified by the Department of Education may receive a \$10,000.00 bonus. Acceptance of any monies obligates the Troops to Teachers participant to teach for three years in such a high-need school.

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