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Troops to Teachers (TTT) was established in 1994 as a Department of Defense program. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) in Pensacola, FL. The state office for Virginia TTT is located in Norfolk and supports every teacher licensure program at all of the Commonwealth of Virginia institutions of higher learning. The primary objective of TTT is to help recruit quality teachers for

schools that serve low-income families throughout the United States. TTT helps relieve the teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education and other high-need subject areas, and assists military personnel in making a successful transition to a second career in teaching.

TTT provides a \$5,000.00 stipend to assist military personnel who are (1) retired, (2) within one year of retiring with an approved retirement date, (3) honorably discharged with 6 or more years of service and willing to obligate in the active reserves on a three-year contract, or (4) separated for physical disability on or after 8 Jan 02; these personnel must apply within 4 years after separation. TTT funds are also available to members of the drilling Reserves/National Guard with 10 or more years of total service. Military personnel with Bachelor's degrees or one year equivalent of college and a minimum of 6 years experience in a vocational/technical field may use the stipend to pay for any approved teacher licensure program in any state-accredited college. The stipend may not be used for training principals, guidance counselors or private-school teachers. TTT participants are obligated to teach for three years in a high-need school district.

Participants hired to teach in a setting where 50% or more of the students are on free or reduced lunches or their Individual Disability Education Act (IDEA) percentage meets the criteria specified by the Department of Education are eligible for a \$10,000 bonus. Acceptance of any monies obligates the Troops to Teachers participant to teach for three years in a poverty-level school.



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BY SELECTING THE LINK "NATIONAL TROOPS TO TEACHERS" FROM THE VA TTT WEBSITE!***

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Requirements & Routes to Virginia Teacher Licensure

Requirement 1

Undergraduate Degree

Requirement 2

Professional Studies

(Provided by a Licensing Program and qualifies for TTT stipend)

Requirement 3

Professional Teacher's Assessments

(Qualifies for TTT stipend)

Traditional Routes

This chart describes options for a teacher candidate possessing a minimum Bachelor's degree. An individual who does NOT possess a BA/BS degree would enroll/transfer into a teacher preparation college or university offering a Bachelor's degree with licensure in the desired endorsement or content area. A list of Virginia's teacher preparation programs is available at www.teachvirginia.org.

Route 1

LICENSURE ONLY (LO)

A Licensure Only program is for individuals who have completed a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and wish to qualify for an initial Virginia teaching license. The required amount of course work varies by institution program. It usually consists of approximately 15 to 30 semester hours and includes Student Teaching. Please note, if the required content course work on the undergraduate transcripts is lacking, those deficient courses will be added to the 15 – 30 semester hours listed above. Upon completion, the 5-year renewable COLLEGIATE PROFESSIONAL LICENSE (CPL) from Virginia Department of Education is awarded. **Approximately 1-year to complete**

Route 2

MASTER'S OF EDUCATION (M.ED.) OR MASTER'S OF ARTS IN TEACHING (M.A.T.) WITH LICENSURE

A Master's in Education (M. Ed.) with licensure is for individuals who have completed a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and wish to obtain a M.Ed. in addition to their initial Virginia teaching license (licensure-only requirements). The professional studies requirements and Student Teaching are incorporated into the M. Ed. curriculum. This usually consists of approximately 30+ semester hours plus the supervised classroom experience. Please note, if the required content course work on the undergraduate transcripts is lacking, those deficient courses will be added to the requirements listed above. Upon completion, the 5-year renewable POSTGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL LICENSE (PPL) from Virginia Department of Education is awarded. **Approximately up to 2-years to complete**

Alternative Route

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CAREER SWITCHER PROGRAM (CSP)

CSP is designed for individuals from various occupations and life experiences to become classroom teachers, thereby increasing the quantity and diversity of applicants to the profession. This program consists of professional studies requirements taught in an intense classroom environment and does not have a student teaching requirement. To gain entrance to these programs, one must have completed 5 years of professional experience, completed all coursework for the content area, and have qualifying scores on the professional teacher examinations. Completers will receive a 1-year provisional license from Virginia Department of Education. **6 weeks to 9 months to complete**

Route 3

PROVISIONAL LICENSE (PL)

The PL is a nonrenewable license VALID FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 3 YEARS. ISSUED ONLY ONCE, to an individual who has allowable deficiencies for full licensure (up to 9 semester hours of content course work/licensure course work and/or professional assessments exams). A provisional license is obtained through an EMPLOYING EDUCATIONAL AGENCY ONLY. You may apply for a position at a school, and upon hire, the school will ask Virginia Department of Education to issue you a Provisional License.

TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL LICENSE (TPL)

The Technical Professional License is a 5-YEAR, RENEWABLE LICENSE available to a person who has graduated from an accredited high school (or possesses a GED certificate);

- (1) has exhibited academic proficiency
- (2) skills in literacy and communication,
- (3) technical competency,
- (4) occupational experience
- (5) completed 9 semester hours of specialized professional studies credit from a regionally accredited college or university.

In addition to demonstrating competency in the endorsement sought, the individual must:

- Hold a license issued by the appropriate Virginia board for those program areas requiring a license and a minimum of 2 yrs of satisfactory experience at the journeyman level or an equivalent;
- Have completed a registered apprenticeship program and 2 yrs of satisfactory experience at the journeyman level or equivalent level in trade, or
- Have 4 yrs of work experience at the management or supervisory level or equivalent or have a combination of 4 yrs of training and work experience at the management of supervisory level or equivalent.

THE TPL IS ISSUED AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF AN EMPLOYING EDUCATIONAL AGENCY in the areas of career and technical education, educational technology, and military science. Individuals seeking military science must have the appropriate credentials issued by the United States military.