

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Troops to Teachers Legislative Changes**  
**Increase Program Eligibility**

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**Recent changes to the legislation governing the Troops to Teachers (TTT) program expand eligibility requirements providing a greater number of military members with access to program benefits!**

**Referral and Placement Assistance**

Effective January 2, 2013, Troops to Teachers offices nationwide are now able to provide personalized counseling and referral assistance to all military members, past or present, who have served honorably. Troops to Teachers registration is open to all veterans regardless of time in service who have an interest in education in Pre-K public, Charter, Bureau funded and DoDEA as school teachers, resource teachers and non-instructional positions such as paraprofessionals, teachers aids, counselors, psychologists, school nurses, librarians, media specialists, speech therapists, audiologists, physiotherapists, resource officers, school principals, and vice principals.

**Program History**

Troops to Teachers was established in 1994 as a Department of Defense program. The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2000 transferred responsibility for program oversight and funding to the U.S. Department of Education.

The program has since been transferred back to the Department of Defense and continues to be managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) headquartered in Pensacola, Florida.

**Mission**

The mission of TTT is to aid current and former military members with their transition into instructional or non-instructional careers in public in Pre-K., public K-12 schools, Charter schools, Bureau funded schools, and DoDEA schools. The program also aims to recruit and place quality role models in schools throughout the nation. TTT helps relieve teacher shortages, especially in high need content areas such as math, science, and special education.

**Registration**

Registration is open to any veteran whose last period of service is characterized as Honorable with an interest in instructional positions such as teacher or resource teacher or non-instructional positions such as paraprofessional, teachers aid, counselor, psychologist, school nurse, librarian, media specialist, speech therapist, audiologist, physiotherapist, resource officer, school principal, or vice principal. Financial assistance is available to eligible participants.

To register or find out more about Troops to Teachers go to [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com) or visit one of our websites at [www.troopstoteachers.net](http://www.troopstoteachers.net), [www.troopstoteachers.fau.edu](http://www.troopstoteachers.fau.edu)