

## CERTIFICATION

The alternative certification route allows individuals with at least a bachelor's degree to teach without going through a college campus teacher education program. The typical Troops to Teachers participant will receive their certification through the state's alternative certification process.

This multi-step process consists of:

- Submitting your Alternative Placement Application along with your resume and official transcripts.
- Once approved, complete the OGET & OSAT tests.
- Submit your fingerprints and a background check.
- Submit your final Alternative Certification Application.

You will then have 3 years to complete the following education requirements and testing, after which you will receive your standard teaching certificate:

- Classroom Management Course
- Teaching Methods Course
- OPTE

## CERTIFICATION COSTS

The Oklahoma Troops to Teachers Office has certification testing fee waivers available for qualifying participants.

The VA offers a testing and licensure reimbursement program. You may receive reimbursement for approved licensing and certification tests if you qualify for education benefits through the VA.

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**WE WELCOME THOSE  
WHO ARE PROUD  
TO SERVE AGAIN.**

**OKLAHOMA SCHOOLS  
NEED YOU!**

The U.S. Department of Defense awarded a 5 year grant to Oklahoma with federal Troops to Teachers funds totaling \$1,245,169 on May 15, 2018.



OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**EDUCATION**  
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## WHAT IS TROOPS TO TEACHERS?

Troops to Teachers was established in 1993 to assist transitioning Service members and veterans in beginning new careers in public, charter and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools.

The goal of the Oklahoma office is to identify these service men and women and help facilitate the process in obtaining their teaching certificate. Finding and retaining quality teachers is of particular interest to Oklahoma due to our current teacher shortage.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, whose last period of service is characterized as honorable, may participate in the program for counseling services.

Those who meet certain education, military service and application requirements may also be eligible for Troops to Teachers financial assistance.

## HOW TO APPLY

Visit [proudtoserveagain.com](http://proudtoserveagain.com) to get started. Once you complete your application, please send your identification number to our office.

## SERVICES AND BENEFITS

### Counseling and Referral Services:

The OK Troops to Teachers program markets our participants through various avenues. Our office networks with schools, and we currently have partnerships with multiple districts who alert us to their open certified positions.

- Individualized counseling and transition planning.
- Teacher certification and licensing requirements.
- Teaching vacancies and hiring.
- Ongoing support and mentorship.

### Financial Assistance:

- Up to \$5K stipend to assist with education leading to a teacher certification.
- Up to \$10K bonus to teach in an eligible or high need school.

The program office will determine financial eligibility when you complete your Troops to Teachers application at:

**[proudtoserveagain.com](http://proudtoserveagain.com)**

## WHY YOU?

Service members and veterans bring a rich combination of skills and competencies which are a natural fit for the classroom.


Skills honed in the military – **leadership, initiative, discipline, integrity, and adaptability** – are a natural fit for the classroom.

For over 250 years the military has been training and producing leaders with the skills and experience that transitions profoundly well into our state's classrooms. Our office is here to serve and help the children of Oklahoma and the veterans of our great state.

Study after study shows that the key component to learning in America's classroom is the person that we place in front of America's students. U.S. Veterans make exceptional teachers.

## KEY SKILLS

- Leadership
- Initiative
- Discipline
- Integrity
- Adaptability



**“Current teachers credit their ability to successfully work with diverse populations and motivate students to their military experience.”**