

TRANSITION TO TEACHING (T2T) FAQs

Is the Transition to Teaching program a credential program?

The T2T program is a support program in conjunction with a credential of choice. The program supports participants by providing financial, educational, and professional incentives. Participants are responsible for enrolling in an Educator Preparation Program to receive a teaching credential.

How do I enroll in a teaching credential program?

Find out about credentialing programs offered by our partnering Institutions (CSU Fresno, National University, Fresno Pacific University, or Tulare County Office of Education), by clicking on the “Resources” tab at go.fresnou.org/t2t. Fresno Unified is supportive of participants attending a credential program that meets educational needs.

Does the T2T program cost?

Although the training and support that each participant receives from T2T is priceless, the program is free!

Can I still work while in the T2T program?

Transition to Teaching is designed to allow participants to keep a full-time job while working towards a credential. This is why the required Professional Learning dates are only twice a month.

How long does the T2T program last?

This depends on you! Although the goal is for every participant to receive a credential within three years, some participants progress more quickly than others. For successful completion of the program, participants must become a credentialed teacher by passing the CBEST, CSETs, and completing a teaching credential program.

Does T2T pay for me to obtain my credential?

Each participant will receive a \$1,500 stipend in the form of a reimbursement. The stipend can be used to finance *any* educational expenses accumulated while in the program.

Do I get paid while in the Transition to Teaching Program?

The Transition to Teaching program is not a program in which a salary is given. The goal of the program is to get participants in classrooms as an intern while they finish their credential. Interns are paid teachers with their own classrooms.

Be advised, Fresno Unified does not want participants to get into the classroom too early and feel unsuccessful or unprepared. That’s why this program is designed to meet the individual needs of each participant.

What happens if I resign from the T2T program before completion?

The commitment to the T2T program requires that participants teach in a high-needs position in Fresno Unified for three years. If this commitment is not met, Fresno Unified will set up a repayment plan for the amount of stipend used during the participant's time in the program.

Am I required to attend Saturday classes?

All participants in the T2T program must attend professional learning one Saturday a month until they have a preliminary credential to ensure that they remain highly effective.

What is the Difference Between the Transition to Teaching Program (T2T) and the Teacher Residency Program (TRP)?

Transition to Teaching is designed to keep people employed while they transition into a teaching career. Saturday Professional Learning sessions (once a month) serve as the heart of the program. During these sessions, participants are provided strategies in pedagogy, working with a credentialing institution on theory. Transition to Teaching is the side by side program that supports participants towards the goal of becoming a successful intern with a salary and benefits. Participants receive a \$1,500 stipend for educational expenses and have priority to interview for open positions in Fresno Unified upon successful completion of the program.

The Teacher Residency Program is a direct partnership with Fresno State in which participants serve as a resident with Fresno Unified, teaching side-by-side with a Mentor Teacher for a year. The program requires a full-time, Monday-Friday, daytime commitment in order to receive an MA and complete a 3-year program in 18 months. Residents receive an \$20,000 stipend to help with expenses and are guaranteed a position in Fresno Unified upon successful completion of the program.

Why doesn't the T2T program accept my CLASSIFIED application?

In order to be considered for the T2T program, applicants must submit a Gallup Teacher Survey which will only be generated upon completing a CERTIFICATED application.

How much does a teacher credentialing program cost?

Go to our [T2T website](#) and click on the "Resources" tab to get more information about credential programs from partnering Institutions.