

Teacher Certification Program with *Rio Salado College* and Your Five JROTC Distance Learning Courses

Objective: Secure teacher's license in your home state, in content area:
_____ (math, science, history, social studies, languages, physics,
chemistry, english,..etc).

How do you get there from here: By taking five JROTC Distance Learning Courses for college credit at either the graduate or undergraduate level....

The five JROTC endorsed distance learning core education courses are *Contemporary American Ed/Dynamic Teaching, Secondary Methods, Classroom Management, Educational Psychology, & Learning and the Brain*. You can accomplish three objectives with this program. First, officially transcript JROTC DL requirements for the Army and Navy programs (optional for AF instructors); second, accomplish 50% of your alternative teacher licensure training; and finally, almost half of a Masters Degree if eligible.

Here's our proposal. You can register at one of either two schools for transcribing your JROTC DL Courses. These schools are *Fort Hays State University* or *University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*.

PART ONE (Semester One and possibly Two):

Take one to five courses at the appropriate academic level based upon the student's transcribed background and degree(s) earned.

Total Tuition Cost: At least \$2,400 but not more than \$3,375.

With a successful application, Troops to Teachers (TTT) will give you \$3,000 this first semester. Your MGIB funds could be between \$5,300 and \$10,000. Post-9/11 GI Bill students have their tuition paid by the VA, but receive no BAH Stipend..

If eligible for TTT, fill out your [TTT Application](#). Additionally, fax the [TTT Verification Letter](#) to Ms. Sylvia Riley, at RSC, as described in the next sentence.

Please read and fill in the information requested by the RSC TTT Verification Letter. Verify your information Fax or email it to Rio Salado College. Ms. Sylvia Riley's fax number is: **1-480-517-8129**. Her email address is:
sylvia.riley@riomail.maricopa.edu

Once Rio Salado College reviews your information they will fax or email you a signed copy of this verification letter, and you can forward it, along with your TTT application packet, to Ms. Brenda Stout at Pensacola, FL or to your state TTT Office.

In your fax cover sheet accompanying this form, to Rio Salado College (**RSC**), please include your personal address, a good fax number, and reliable work telephone number.

Follow instructions for GI Bill eligibles on our web site. [Click here](#) for our GI Bill **checklist**.

PART TWO (the next 6 to 12 months)

You will take 12 credits online with Rio Salado College during this phase, and then sign up for 8 credits of 'Student Teaching', utilizing one of their practicum's that will be mentored and accomplished at your local high school. JROTC Instructors can use their JROTC Classroom requirements **plus** at least one hour per day for one semester in their certifying core high school subject. Please contact RSC for the path that best meets your needs and fulfills RSC's standards. Their standards supercede any statements in this doc.

Two months prior to the conclusion of your work with the DL Courses transcribing university/school, you need to contact Ms. Sylvia Riley at Rio Salado College, telephone number: **Ph: 480-517-8115**. She will provide you with the details required to apply and register for RSC courses. You can speak with her before then, about this program, at any time. Please note, you will have to take the Arizona State Teacher's Exam before acquiring your Arizona Teacher's License, which you then apply for transfer to your home state. The test is given once a year in your home state, and more often in Phoenix, AZ. You must take that exam.

Recommendation: Do not register for more than 6 credits your first semester with RSC. Make sure you can handle the workload while working full-time with JROTC. During this period with RSC, you should receive the remaining \$2,000 from TTT. Your MGIB should be about \$650 per month for four to eight months, and then about \$1,300 per month during your student teaching period at your local school. If allowed, sign up for student teaching the same time as the online courses. That will increase your MGIB stipend and allow for completion of all efforts at RSC sooner.

After Teacher's License is secured in your home state: you must acknowledge to TTT that you are in fact, teaching in a valid high school curricula (at least one class per semester) for three years, in order not to have a requirement to return their stipend. Contact your state's TTT Office to figure out their notification methodology. We believe it is a letter from your school's principal.

PART THREE (This period will take from 12 to 18 months, depending on your efforts and work constraints) At this time we recommend for those eligible you with finish your Masters Degree by taking one or two course(s) per semester during the next 12 to 18 months, depending on your personal schedule and work requirements. This currently requires approximately six or less additional three-credit graduate courses at either [Fort Hays State University](#) or [Grand Canyon University](#). Just a reminder, this degree completion has nothing to do with your Teacher Certification.

Your RTG Mentor can assist you with your registration anytime you are ready. Once you have TTT approval, please let your RTG Mentor know. VocRehab eligible students may also apply, but then cannot accept TTT monies.