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—of Tomorrow—

South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow:  
**Alternative Route  
Program How-to Guide**

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# Every Child Deserves a Great Teacher

At South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow, we believe every child deserves a great teacher. Becoming a teacher isn't just a career choice; it's a calling, a commitment, and a chance to shape the future.



## When you embark on the rewarding teaching journey, you will:

**Competitive salaries** - The average annual salary of a teacher in South Carolina is \$54,180. Some teachers earn as high as \$66,082, depending on the school district and years of experience.

**Healthcare insurance** - You'll receive comprehensive healthcare insurance for you and your family as part of your employment benefits. The coverage includes dental, hospital visits, well-child care, and more

**Fringe benefits** - Besides healthcare, you'll receive various fringe benefits, contributing to a well-rounded compensation package. For example, life insurance, disability coverage, workers' compensation, and other perks.

**Pleasant beaches** - South Carolina is known for its beautiful coastline and pleasant beaches. As a teacher in the state, you will enjoy these natural attractions during weekends and holidays.

**Pension** - Teachers in South Carolina participate in a pension plan. The plan will provide financial support in your later years, giving you peace of mind.

**Extended breaks** - One of the perks of being a teacher is the extended breaks during school vacations, such as summer, winter, and spring breaks. During these breaks, you can recharge, pursue professional development, and spend quality time with family and friends.

# Why South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow for Your Alternative Route Program

Choosing the right path to teaching is vital for your success in the classroom. Select a program that aligns with your study style and schedule and realize your dreams faster.

## Here's why we stand out:



### The #1 Alternative Route Program

Our Alternative Route Program stands out as the #1 choice.

For over 18 years, our comprehensive program has equipped aspiring educators for classroom excellence. We give you the right skills to make a difference in the lives of your students.

We are committed to excellence and have a proven track record. We're proud of being the top choice for those seeking a reliable entry into teaching.



### Accredited by AAQEP

We are accredited by the [Accreditation Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation](#) (AAQEP). Our programs are verified and meet quality assurance benchmarks for educator preparation.

With South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow, you're assured that your teacher certification will be recognized and respected nationwide.



### Over 80,000 Teachers Certified

Over 80,000 teachers have been certified through our program. Our track record demonstrates years of positive impact in classrooms in South Carolina by our certified teachers.

By choosing South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow, you join a supportive community of educators who have made a real difference in the lives of countless students.



### Trusted School District Partner

Accredited school districts across South Carolina trust us to provide well-prepared educators. Once you're ready to begin in the classroom, we assist with the job application process.

Our district partnership ensure you are well supported throughout your first year of teaching and beyond.

# How it Works - Timeline



We've designed the South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow to be an efficient process that enables you to achieve your dream of becoming a certified teacher.

Here's our step-by-step breakdown.

## 1. Apply Today

- Complete a **FREE** application
- Submit your official transcripts
- Enroll in the South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow program

## 2. Become Eligible

- Complete online, on-demand Classroom Readiness training
- Pass state-required content area exams

## 3. Start Teaching

- Teach for three full academic years
- Receive classroom support from your assigned field supervisor
- Earn full pay and benefits
- Complete additional required coursework
- Pass state-certification exam

## 4. Fully Certified

- Earn full certification after completing all program requirements



We'll be here to guide you through each of these steps.



# Our Program



The Teachers of Tomorrow Alternative Route Program gives you a well-rounded and supportive experience. We empower you with the skills and resources to have a flourishing career in education

When you choose Teachers of Tomorrow, you can expect:



Access to a research-based and comprehensive educator preparation curriculum designed to impart essential teaching skills, pedagogy, and classroom management techniques.



Support in preparing for required exams to meet certification standards.



Guidance and support from experienced mentors and coaches throughout the program.



Potential for program fee coverage through district partnerships and scholarships.



Flexible program structure to accommodate individuals with diverse schedules or work commitments.



Opportunities for networking, professional development, and exposure to district-specific resources.



Options for accelerated paths to certification, allowing for a faster transition into the classroom.



Ongoing career support services, including resume building, interview preparation, and exclusive job fairs and district hiring events.



Real-world classroom exposure to build confidence and readiness for the teaching profession.



Inclusion in an alumni community of educators, providing networking opportunities and exchanging ideas.

# Teachers of Tomorrow vs The Traditional Pathway



## Teachers of Tomorrow

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## College/University

Geared toward career-changers and those entering teaching non-conventionally.

Accepts a **bachelor's degree** in any area/subject, from an accredited institution—The degree doesn't have to be in education

Self-paced and can take as little as **1 year** for you to begin a paid full-teaching position

**Flexible** learning schedule, allowing you to work as you learn

**Costs \$4,395 for the entire program**

Geared toward individuals pursuing teaching as their initial career choice.

Only accepts candidates with a **bachelor's degree** in education.

Takes **four years** to complete plus additional time to complete certification requirements

Follows a full-time structured format

**Costs \$25,000 a year**



## Pricing

Application fee	Enrollment fee	Monthly access fee*	Program fee	Total Program Cost
\$0	\$95	then \$95	\$4,300	\$4,395

Payable when you start teaching. The monthly access fees will be totaled and applied towards your total program fee balance. Balance is divided into 10 equal monthly payments



\*The \$95 monthly access fee allows you continued access to coursework and training.

**Note:** There are other certification and exam payments not made directly to Teachers of Tomorrow.

# Trusted Support Through Your Teaching Journey



In addition to our alternative certification program, we've partnered with two companies committed to helping you succeed as an educator.



## The Learning Liaisons

The Learning Liaisons offer test prep to help you pass your teacher certification exams.

You'll get personalized guidance, premium video guides, and study groups to help you prepare and pass all your teacher certification exams.



## SimpleK12

SimpleK12 is your go-to platform for continuous learning and growth in your teaching career. They offer various online training and professional development courses designed to empower educators.

As a South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow candidate or certified teacher, you can access SimpleK12's webinars and training materials library to stay up-to-date with the latest teaching trends, technologies, and best practices.

Together with South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow, The Learning Liaisons and SimpleK12 are dedicated to supporting you in your journey to become an exceptional educator and throughout your teaching career.

## Helping You Find Your Next Job

In partnership with school districts across South Carolina, we're here to make that transition smoother for you. We'll help set you up for success as a first-year teacher by helping you find a job while you complete the program.

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We'll help with resume creation, job applications, and interview preparation.



# Frequently Asked Questions



## Do I Need A Bachelor's Degree to Apply for the Teachers of Tomorrow program?

A bachelor's degree is required to apply for the South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow program. Your bachelor's degree can be in any area or field.

If you meet this requirement, apply and embark on your journey to becoming a certified educator through our program.

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## Does Teachers of Tomorrow Take Any Financial Aid?

Teachers of Tomorrow is not eligible for any federal financial aid. However, we provide annual scholarships and work with school districts to create financial opportunities to ease the transition into a teaching career.

We also offer flexible payment plans helping aspiring educators get access to high-quality teacher education.

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## Does Teachers of Tomorrow Offer Financial Assistance to Military Workers?

YES. South Carolina Teachers of Tomorrow supports military personnel, and veterans in pursuing a teaching career.

We offer reduced program costs of up to \$100 and self-paced training options to aid in a smooth transition to the teaching profession.

## How Long Does it Take to Complete the ACP?

The Alternative Certification Program (ACP) course is self-paced and how long it takes depends on individual progress.

However, most of our candidates complete the program within as little as three years.

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## Does Teachers of Tomorrow Offer Job-Seeking Assistance?

We assist our candidates in the job-seeking process once they become qualified to teach.

We provide networking opportunities through job fairs to help you secure available teaching positions according to your qualifications. We will guide you through the application and interview process and keep offering support as you transition into your teaching career.

We're here to ensure a smooth transition into your teaching career, from certification to employment.





## Keeping our mission

At Teachers of Tomorrow, we are dedicated to developing outstanding educators who have a profound, positive impact on their schools and communities. Founded in 2005, we've become the nation's top alternative certification program.

We are proud of our strong collaborations with aspiring educators, supporting them through every step of their teaching careers. Our strong district partnerships allow us to connect our certified educators with schools in need of teachers to ensure every student has access to a quality education. In today's educational landscape, your classroom presence is crucial.

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Together, we are shaping the future of education.