



Teaching to Teach Apprenticeship Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If I already have a standard teaching certificate, can I participate in this program to upskill to another role (e.g. counselor, principal, superintendent, etc.) at my school district?

A: No. This program is only eligible to individuals pursuing teacher certification.

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Q: If I previously worked in a school district but not actively employed at a school district, am I eligible to participate?

A: No, participants must be actively employed by a school district.

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Q: If I am enrolled at a non-RUSO university to pursue teacher certification, can I participate in the program?

A: No, you must be enrolled in one of the six RUSO universities: East Central University (ECU), Northeastern State University (NSU), Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU), Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SEOSU), Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), or University of Central Oklahoma (UCO).

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Q: Will this scholarship cover fees?

A: The scholarship will not cover fees. It will cover tuition, books, and teaching vouchers (if applicable). After acceptance to the program, CareerTech will evaluate student bursar charges to determine what will/won't be covered.

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Q: Is this minimum/maximum number of hours that I must enroll in at my university to participate in the program?

A: No, there are no restrictions on the number of hours that you must enroll in at your university. However, the scholarship amount will not exceed more than \$10,000.

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Q: If I purchase my books through a third-party vendor, can it be reimbursed through this program?

A: To be reimbursed through this scholarship program, your books must be listed as a charge on your bursar account. If your university does not allow books to be charged onto your bursar, it may not be eligible for scholarship reimbursement.

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Q: When will the scholarship be applied to be applied to my bursar account?

A: The scholarship will applied at the end of the semester after the student has successfully completed the apprenticeship AND pass their university coursework.

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Q: If I am participating in the fall, do I need to re-apply in the spring? Or am I automatically approved for the spring?

A: Yes, you will need to re-apply. The spring application is anticipation to be open in fall 2025.

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Q: Will this program be offered in spring 2026?

A: At this time, we intend to offer this program in spring 2026. However, this program is contingent on the availability of grant funding. If all scholarship funds are expended prior to the spring 2026, the program may be discontinued.

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Q: Where can I obtain my OSDE pathway approval document for alternative and emergency certification pathways?

A: Prior to applying for this scholarship program, you must have previously applied to request pathway approval through the Oklahoma Department of Education's (OSDE) Office of Teacher Certification. If approved, you would have received a letter from them outlining your approval and necessary requirements to obtain teacher certification. For more information, please visit [OSDE's Office of Teacher Certification webpage](#).

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Q: How will I receive the scholarship funds?

A: The scholarship funds will be applied to your university's bursar account.