

Become a California educator

MAKE IT HAPPEN WITH NEW RESOURCES



California needs more educators! Well-prepared people who reflect the diversity of our state can make a real difference—and a real living—preparing young learners to thrive. Ever considered teaching? Earning your teaching credential might be less complicated and more affordable than you think.

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There are many ways to become an educator. And if you want to be a teacher, it's good to know that some of the programs associated with feeling prepared and supported and staying in the profession longer are also the ones that get you teaching and earning sooner! Use these resources to compare the options, plan your journey, and help pay for it, too.



Roadmap to Teaching in California is a web tool from our state's Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Use it to explore choices and credentials across education careers, from classroom teachers to principals to counselors and more—and get help from trained career counselors! For each of the four main pathways to earning a teaching credential, you'll know:

- How long it typically takes to get to a credential
- What your coursework and teaching experience will be like
- Key considerations and advantages
- Financial support available



Funding Your Future in Teaching offers financial planning steps for every aspiring educator and sample packages if you're considering a California-based teacher residency program. In some cases, candidates can complete their Preliminary teaching credential debt-free!



Teacher Candidate Funding Explorer is a searchable database of federal and state dollars you may be eligible to collect to make your journey toward a teaching credential affordable or cost-free. Funding opportunities depend on your unique circumstances, as well as your choices in career and teacher program pathway.

Find all of the above at ctc.ca.gov/credentials/roadmap-to-teaching

