

Teacher Certification Program with *Rio Salado College* and courses through the *University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) College of Education*

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 the five Core Education Courses....

By completing the five JROTC distance learning education courses: Contemporary American Ed/Dynamic Teaching, Instructional Methods, Classroom Management, Educational Psychology, & Learning and the Brain; you accomplish three objectives: **First** meet Teacher Pedagogy & JROTC requirements, **second** 50% of your teacher licensure training, and **those eligible with a current Bachelor's Degree** earn 50% of a Grand Canyon University *Masters in Education*, or 50% of a *Masters of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership* from another RTG associated university/college.

Here is our proposal:

PART ONE (Semester One):

___ (For all retired military and their spouses.) Please, read and fill in the information requested in the [TTT Verification Letter](#). Verify your information. Fax or email it to the Rio Salado College POC, Ms. Lawrence. Ms. Yvonne Lawrence's fax number is: **1-480-517-8439**. Her email address is: Yvonne.Lawrence@riomail.maricopa.edu.

___ JROTC instructors and Retired Military fill out your Troops To Teachers application you can obtain at this link: [TTT Application](#).

___ Once Rio Salado College reviews your information they will fax or email you a signed copy of your TTT Verification Letter, and you can forward it, along with your completed TTT application packet, to Ms. Brenda Stout at Pensacola, FL, through your state's TTT Office.

___ Then, **all** applicants register with UCCS on-line at this link: [UCCS Post-Baccalaureate Courses](#) or [Undergraduate Courses](#). (CURR 4546/5546 Learning & the Brain; CURR 4547/5547 Current Issues in American Ed; CURR 4548/5548 Educational Psychology and Comm Strategies; CURR 4549/5549 Classroom Management; CURR 4550/5550 Instructional Methods. Students without a degree register for the 4000 level courses, others with a BA/BS Degree or higher register for the 5000 level courses.

___ Cost at UCCS: \$180 per credit tuition, and approximately \$25 per [book](#) ('*Classroom Instruction That Works*', author: Marzano)

___ With a successful application, TTT will give you \$3,000 during your first semester.

___ 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.

___ (if MGIB eligible) Follow instructions for VA MGIB on our web site. [Click here](#) for our GI Bill web page.

PART TWO (the next 6 to 8 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 perform this requirement in their JROTC Classroom **plus** at least one hour per day for one semester in their certifying core high school subject. Please contact your Rio Salado College (RSC) Academic Advisor for the path that best meets your needs and fulfills RSC's standards.

__ **Two months prior to the conclusion of your work with UCCS**, you will need to contact Ms. Yvonne Lawrence, at RSC, telephone number: **Ph: 480-517-8183**. 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 applying for your Arizona Teacher's License, which you then 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 could be about \$650 per month for four to eight months, and then about \$1,100 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 could 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 section is for students taking the five UCCS courses at the Graduate level.) (This period will take from 12 to 18 months, depending on your efforts and work constraints. You will most likely be hired as a teacher w/a BA/BS degree and this will help in your marketability, not earning your Masters Degree until you have completed your probationary period at a lower salary level.)

__ Next , we will assist you with finishing up one or two course(s) per Grand Canyon or other RTG institution semester, to complete your MA in Liberal Studies with focus in Educational Leadership OR MEd with Grand Canyon University. We estimate completion in 12 to 18 months, depending on your personal schedule and work requirements. This requires six additional three-credit graduate courses, at approximately \$225 - \$450 per credit at RTG associated institution. **Or** six additional three-credit graduate courses at approximately \$350 per credit at Grand Canyon.

You can register anytime you are ready. Once you have TTT approval, please let your [RTG & Associates, Inc. Education Counselor](#) know. If you have any questions and cannot reach your counselor, please feel free to contact **Bob Greene**, President, RTG & Associates, Inc., Tel# **303-840-3063**, bob.greene@prodigy.net .