

What is MoACT?

A nontraditional, innovative pathway that enables pre-baccalaureate paraprofessionals, working in SWC consortium districts, to become highly qualified, certified teachers in our schools.



Are YOU a Paraprofessional interested in becoming a certified teacher?

MoACT is a project that is funded through a Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) federal grant from the US Dept. of Ed. awarded over 5 years (2019-2024) to the Southwest Center. MoACT will allow 70 paraprofessionals, over a 5 year period, to become certified teachers ... enabling our districts to *attract and retain* highly qualified teachers.

Candidate Requirements:

1. Work in a SWC member school district as a paraprofessional
2. Have a Bachelors degree; in any other area than education

Participating Districts must be a SWC Member & Interested Teacher Candidates must Pledge Commitment to:

- Possess self-discipline to work independently with online instruction and complete certification in the allotted time
- Attend and fulfill all grant requirements
- Work collaboratively with WGU, the SWC, and your district

The ultimate goal of the TQP program is to prepare and retain quality teachers for high-need rural schools and improve academic achievement for all students.

November 10, 2021: Applications for MoACT Cohort 3 due

December 10, 2021: Cohort Members are notified

January 2022: MoACT – Cohort 3 begins



Certification:

Classes will be on-line with Western Governors University **Master Degree - Areas of Certification:**

Certification:

- Elementary Education; Grades 1-6
- Mathematics; Grades 5-9
- Science; Grades 5-9

Living Stipend:

- MoACT participants will receive a living stipend during the 18 month program that will cover the expense of college
- MoACT graduates will be required to teach 3 consecutive years in the district after being hired

Interested?

For additional information and the application link please email: swcemoact@gmail.com

Pre-service Seminars:

Participants will participate in PD seminars, at the SWC, that increases teacher knowledge and collaboration

Induction & Ongoing Support:

- **Clinical Residency:** Candidates will be working in the school the entire time they are working toward certification
- **High Quality Mentorship:** Candidates will have mentors; in the district, with WGU and the SWC
- **Ongoing Support:** Support doesn't stop after they receive their first teaching job, the SWC will continue professional learning support and provide networking opportunities beyond

