



Para to Teacher Preparation Program

Program Overview

The Para to Teacher Preparation Program (PTPP) is a cooperative partnership between the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS), Mountain West Troops to Teachers, and four high-need local education agencies (LEAs) including, Edison School 54JT, Miami-Yoder 60 JT, Harrison 2 and Fountain/Fort Carson 8. The purpose of the PTPP is to enable highly qualified paraprofessionals to become licensed teachers in high need subject areas including math, science and special education.

Benefits and Services

Each student accepted into the PTPP will receive:

- A full tuition stipend to complete a bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
 - The tuition stipend is in addition to any funding received through the GI Bill, Post 9-11 GI Bill, tuition assistance or vocational rehabilitation allowing eligible military members to use Department of Defense funds for living expenses.
- A mentor teacher to assist with professional development
- Continued counseling and up to \$10,000 financial support through Mountain West Troops to Teachers
- Job placement assistance for participants not currently working as paraprofessionals

Eligibility

- Minimum of 60 semester hours from a regional accredited college or university
 - At least four years of military service
 - Currently working as a paraprofessional or substitute paraprofessional in a participating school district **OR** willing to gain employment as a paraprofessional, substitute paraprofessional or intern paraprofessional in a participating school district
 - Participating districts include Edison Schools 54JT, Miami-Yoder 60JT, Harrison District 2 and Fountain/Fort Carson District 8.
 - Willing to teach a high need subject area including math, science or special education
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
AT COLORADO SPRINGS

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UCCS College of Education and
Mountain West Troops to Teachers.



Program Application Process

Step 1: Troops to Teachers Registration

- Bob Leonard
- Colorado State Director, Mountain West Troops to Teachers
- 719-255-4161 or rleonard@mwttt.com

Step 2: UCCS Application

- Stephanie Mora
- Transfer Student Recruitment Advisor, UCCS
- 719-255-3019 or smora@uccs.edu

Step 3: Degree Plan

- Bill Bannister
- Academic Advisor - LAS/Education, UCCS
- 719-255-3069 or bbannist@uccs.edu

Step 4: Evaluation Committee

- The PTPP Evaluation Committee will review the UCCS application and proposed degree program, compared to grant guidelines and make the final determination regarding acceptance into the PTPP.