

# Are YOU a Paraprofessional interested in becoming a certified teacher?

## 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.



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, two cohorts of 35, 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 60 hours or more of college credit; pre-baccalaureate

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

- Possess self-discipline and dedication 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.*



## Certification:

Classes will be on-line with Western Governors University

## Areas of Certification:

- Elementary Education; Grades 1-6
- Mathematics; Grades 5-9
- Science; Grades 5-9
- Special Education; Grades K-12

## Living Stipend:

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

## Interested?

For additional information and the application link email:  
[SWCMoACT@gmail.com](mailto:SWCMoACT@gmail.com)



## Pre-service Seminars:

MoACT participants will participate in monthly seminars, at the SWC, supporting job-embedded PD that increases teacher knowledge and facilitates professional 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 during your first year in the classroom and also provide networking opportunities beyond that first year