

South Carolina Recruits Teachers of Tomorrow to Fill Teacher Shortage

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South Carolina's teacher shortage has been getting worse in recent years, with more than 4,800 teachers leaving the profession last year and 480-plus positions open for the current school year, according to a [recent report from the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement](#). Now, the [South Carolina Department of Education](#) (ED) has added another alternative certificate program that enables individuals without an education degree to become professional educators.

The department approved [Teachers of Tomorrow](#), an alternative teacher licensure program that gives prospective teachers the opportunity to complete part of their training online. *The Post and Courier of Charleston* reports that program participants will spend one year in the classroom as interns and complete more than 300 hours of the company's online courses.

The initial \$295 program fee has been waived for South Carolina participants, according to the [announcement](#). Participants will pay the remaining \$4,000 program cost over their first year as a salaried teacher.

Teachers of Tomorrow joins the department's [seven other alternative certificate programs](#): Program of Alternative Certification for Educators; Greenville Alternative Teacher Education Program; Teach for America; American Board; Adjunct Teacher Certification; Career and Technology Education; and Montessori Initial Certification.

A new website, SouthCarolinaTeachers.org, is now live for individuals interested in teaching in South Carolina and enrolling in the program.

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