



Sac Metro Teacher Residency

In 1 year become a Day-one ready, confident, joyful, effective, student-centered education specialist and make a difference in the lives of students with disabilities and their families.

SMTR Residents

receive a \$38,600 SMTR Award that:

pays up to \$18,000 in Sac State tuition and fees

pays up to \$20,500 stipend (taxed) checks across the year

reimburses up to \$100 for testing/credential fee

welcomes into a supportive community

after graduation, guarantees a job in a SMTR partner district

supports applying for federal aid (FAFSA) and grants

AND with Sac State tuition and fees, receive:

free healthcare on campus, including counseling

free gym membership at The WELL

free Transit Card

access to Sac State's weekly Food Pantry with groceries and toiletries

CalFresh card for food (if eligible)

In return, SMTR Residents commit to:

completing the requirements of the ed specialist credential at Sac State in an intensive one-year program starting in summer

serving as a Resident at their assigned fieldwork site beginning on their mentor teachers' 1st day till their students' last day (arriving 30 min before students & leaving 30 min after students)

attend in-person orientations and bimonthly Resident seminars

after graduating with their credential, working in a SMTR partner district for 4 years (out of 8) (with the option to continue with the MAT-SPED)

**8 PARTNER DISTRICTS
& SAC STATE**

QUESTIONS?

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The Residency Year

FAQs

To learn more, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SMTRFAQs>

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What is a Resident?

A **full-time student** learning from an expert mentor teacher during fieldwork for the **full school year** (3–4 days in fall, 4–5 days in spring). Teacher Residencies offer a **financial award** (through a grant from the CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing) & a tight **community**.

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How many cohorts are there?

We have **2 more cohorts** (2026, 2027) of 25 Residents across the 3 Ed Specialist credentials. If you're not accepted into SMTR, you can reapply next year or ask to be considered for the 1-year without SMTR or 2-year pathway.

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How many partner districts are in SMTR?

SMTR has **8 participating districts** at this time: Twin Rivers USD, California Montessori Project, Davis Joint USD, Elk Grove USD, Sacramento City USD, St. Hope, Washington USD, & Woodland Joint USD.

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What Ed. Specialist credentials are in SMTR?

SMTR has **3 Ed Specialist credentials at Sacramento State**: Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN), and Extensive Support Needs (ESN).

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What is the Resident commitment?

The SMTR Resident commits to be **placed in a partner school district** (preferences accepted but not guaranteed), attend **orientations** and bimonthly **Friday seminars**, and **work for 4 years** (out of 8) in one of the partner districts (in extenuating circumstances may work anywhere in CA).

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What does "Day 1 Ready" mean?

It means the Resident spends an entire year learning from their expert mentor teacher about how to be an ed specialist and are coached to develop their skills and teacher identity so that they are **ready to teach on the first day of their new teaching job**.

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When does SMTR begin?

The Residency **begins Summer semester**. The first class begins first week of June and the second class begins first/second week of July through beginning of August. We host the SMTR luncheon on a Friday end of July/early August & Residents start fieldwork on their mentor teachers' first day.

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Can I work while a Resident in SMTR?

The Residency requires you to be a **full-time student**; however, **you can sub for your mentor teacher and/or work on your non-fieldwork days**. Be sure to schedule time to study and complete coursework and fieldwork assignments.

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Am I guaranteed a job after I graduate?

Yes, the partner districts guarantee you a job in one of their districts. The goal of a Residency is to train you in the district in which you will work; however, you can apply to teach in any of the 8 partner districts.

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How do I apply to SMTR?

Apply to one of the ECSE, MMSN, or ESN credential programs at Sac State **through Cal State Apply** and indicate your interest in the 1-year SMTR pathway. Then sign up for the **SMTR interview day**.

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