

Certification Opportunities for Non-Certificated SLPS Employees

St. Louis Public Schools has been expanding opportunities for our non-certificated employees to become certified SLPS teachers since 2018. We are excited to provide multiple pathways to certification for our current employees who wish to become teachers through the generous support of the Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund.

Eligibility Requirements for All SLPS-Sponsored Certification Programs:

1. Undergraduate degree
2. Minimum cumulative GPA in all undergraduate and graduate coursework of 2.75
3. Acceptance into certification program
4. Passing of required licensure exams
5. Selection by an SLPS school leader
6. Final approval by SLPS Human Resources Team for sponsorship

If you are interested in the programs below, please reach out to the contacts listed below for more information! Most programs have deadlines in Spring 2021 for Fall 2021 admittance.

Sponsored Certification Pipelines:

St. Louis Teacher Residency:



STLTR is a great program for those looking to get hands-on, intensive practice before becoming a teacher-of-record. Candidates work as residents in SLPS classrooms for one-year and then become teachers-of-record in their second year while earning a Master's Degree from Washington University-St. Louis. Interested applicants must apply for the residency at stlteacher.org. Contact Maggie Davolos at mdavolos@stlteacher.org or check out www.stlteacher.org for more information.

UMSL Two-Year Certification Program:



Our UMSL program is an opportunity for current non-certificated employees to become teachers-of-record in prioritized subject areas immediately while taking two years of coursework to become certified. SLPS pays the cost of tuition. Contact Cassi Sweeney at cagcn2@umsl.edu for more information.

SLU Two-Year STEM (Math or Science) Certification and Master's Program:



Our SLU program is an opportunity for candidates to become teachers-of-record immediately while taking two years of coursework to receive their certification and a Master's Degree in either secondary Math or Science. This program is open to internal or external candidates. SLPS pays the cost of tuition. Contact Ryan Wilson at ryan.wilson@slu.edu for more information.

Teacher Assistant Certification Opportunity:



This program allows for current teacher assistants to apply for funding for a certification program through a number of different local universities. Contact Dr. LaTisha Smith at latisha.smith@slps.org for more information.

Other Certification Options (Not Sponsored):

Harris-Stowe Accelerated Early Childhood Certification Program: Get your ECE certification in one year! Contact Dr. Nicole Evans at evansn@hssu.edu for more information.

ABCTE: This is a very cost-effective online certification program (under \$5,000 total) for candidates who want a self-paced, self-directed program that they can do on their own time and schedule. Check out <https://www.americanboard.org/missouri/> for more information.

Local Universities: Many of our local universities offer certification programs (e.g. Lindenwood University, Maryville University, Harris-Stowe State University, Webster University, Fontbonne University).