



Riverside County Office of Education
California Classified to Classroom – Pipeline to Teaching (C₃P₂T)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is California Classified to Classroom – Pipeline to Teaching (C₃P₂T)?

Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE), in partnership with local colleges, universities, school districts, and charter schools, provides funding up to \$3,200 per year for classified employees to further their education in the process of becoming a teacher. Funding is applied toward the cost of tuition for the completion of a bachelor's degree and/or a teaching credential in the high needs areas of **Special Education, Math or Science**. Classified employees receive the funding in the form of a tuition payment directly to the university for which they are enrolled. In exchange, participants must then fulfill a promise to teach one year in the district/agency they are currently employed by, for every year of financial assistance received.

Why does C₃P₂T exist?

The state created programs, such as C₃P₂T, to establish innovative models for teacher preparation in response to teacher shortages and to improve teacher retention. The programs' high retention rates are due in part to the fact that participants already have experience in educational settings. Therefore, program graduates have a demonstrated commitment to students and do not experience the culture shock that might be experienced by individuals with little or no classroom experience.

Who is eligible for C₃P₂T? (Must meet all requirements listed below.)

1. Employed as a classified employee by one of the school districts, charter school or county office who are part of the *C₃P₂T Consortium.
2. Possession of an associates or higher level degree, or completion of at least two years of study towards a BA degree at a post-secondary educational institution.
3. Agrees to become a single subject math, science, or special education teacher.

How do I apply for the C₃P₂T?

1. Complete electronic application – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pipeline2Teaching>.
2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
3. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation that evidence potential for becoming a classroom teacher.

After completing the electronic application, submit your transcripts and letters of recommendation directly to your personnel department.

What do I receive as C₃P₂T participant?

1. Tuition up to **\$3,200 per year**. Participants enrolled will have tuition paid directly to the institution of choice. Enrollment verification is required for completion of payments. Participants must provide RCOE with transcripts (grades) at the end of each academic semester/quarter/term.
2. RCOE test preparation courses for the **CBEST, CSET, and RICA**.
3. Academic and non-academic support is available, including academic advisement at RCOE, at participating universities, tutoring, and cohort meetings that give participants the information and training necessary to make the leap from classified service to certificated service.
4. The ongoing support of an individual program 'Navigator' who will serve as a mentor to support and advise throughout the completion of your teaching credential.

What happens if I 1) Fail a course, 2) Withdraw from a course or, 3) Receive an incomplete?

If you fail a course due to non-attendance and/or simple failure to complete course requirements, you are responsible for the cost to repeat the course. The program will not fund repeated courses due to failure to comply with course requirements.

What happens if I fail to meet a minimal GPA?

Grades must be submitted at the end of each academic term. Participants must maintain a 2.75 GPA to continue enrollment in the program. Failure to maintain the required GPA may result in suspension and/or dismissal from C₃P₂T.

What happens if I resign my position?

You will be required to repay all costs expended on your behalf. C₃P₂T is required to report the names of all those who drop from the program to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) annually.

What happens when I need to complete student teaching?

You may take an unpaid leave of absence to complete your student teaching. Documentation from your district and university is required before you begin student teaching.

May I resign from my classified position if I am offered an intern teaching job by my current employer?

Yes.

What happens if I decide that I can no longer continue in this program?

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What happens once I receive my preliminary credential?

Once you receive your preliminary credential, you must notify the C₃P₂T. When confirmed, the program will send you an official completion letter with further instructions for completing required years of service. You must teach on a preliminary and/or clear credential one year in your current employing district for every school year of financial assistance received. If you do not receive employment in your current district, you may fulfill the obligation in another California Public School.

Which universities are potentially partnering with RCOE for this program?

Azusa Pacific University
California Baptist University
California State University, San Bernardino
Brandman University
Grand Canyon University
La Sierra University
University of California, Riverside
University of Phoenix
Western Governors University

Am I required to attend one of these universities?

No, you may enroll in any accredited university.

May I enroll in an online program or take online courses?

Yes, as long as they apply directly to your bachelor's degree or credential.

*C₃P₂T Consortium Participating Agencies:

(Click on link below to send an email to the agency's point of contact.)

- [Alvord Unified School District](#)
- [Banning Unified School District](#)
- [Beaumont Unified School District](#)
- [Coachella Valley Unified School District](#)
- [Desert Sands Unified School District](#)
- [Hemet Unified School District](#)
- [Jurupa Unified School District](#)
- [Lake Elsinore Unified School District](#)
- [Menifee Union School District](#)
- [Murrieta Valley Unified School District](#)
- [Perris Union High School District](#)
- [River Springs Charter School](#)
- [Riverside County Education Academy Charter School](#)
- [Riverside County Office of Education](#)
- [Riverside Unified School District](#)
- [Romoland School District](#)
- [San Jacinto Unified School District](#)

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