

PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS!



If you have your Bachelor's Degree and want to become a special education teacher, there may be funds available to assist you!

Selected candidates will receive \$13,000 to cover costs associated with obtaining their special education credential via Cal Poly Humboldt's Education Specialist Credential Program.

The program lets you work in a paraprofessional role while you earn your credential!

Apply at hcoe.org/teacher-residency. See reverse for full program details.

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Humboldt.**

The Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) and Cal Poly Humboldt (CPH) are pleased to announce that there is funding to support up to seven Teacher Resident candidates to obtain their special education credential. HCOE is funding the residency program to help our districts to proactively address the projected teacher shortage across Humboldt County.

Each candidate will receive \$13,000 to cover costs associated with obtaining their special education credential via Cal Poly Humboldt's Education Specialist Credential Program. Such costs include tuition, fees, books and assessment costs.

Residents may be hired as a paraprofessional while simultaneously enrolled in the CPH Education Specialist Credential Program allowing selected participants to obtain their preliminary Education Specialist teaching credential

There are additional funds to support district selected mentor teachers who will provide valuable support and guidance to eligible residency candidates.

The funding for the Teacher Residency is provided for a cohort of residents for the 2025/26 school year. The eligible candidates in a teacher residency program shall agree in writing to work as an education specialist serving a caseload of pupils who receive special education services in a special education setting. Further, the sponsored candidate will serve in a district for a period of at least four school years within the next five years, which may begin with the school year after the candidate successfully completes the initial year of preparation and obtains a preliminary teaching credential. A candidate who fails to complete the period of placement shall reimburse HCOE the amount of funding that was invested in the candidate's residency training.

What this means for Teacher Residents:

- This is an exciting way to earn your education specialist credential while working as a paraprofessional.
- You have the opportunity to work within a school or district where you already have established a relationship.
- The grant requires a commitment of teaching for four out of the following five years after obtaining the credential as a resident or pay back the portion of the contribution at a pro-rated rate.
- You will receive support from an "experienced mentor teacher" who has at least three years of teaching experience and a clear credential authorizing instruction of special education, has a record of successful teaching, and who agrees to receive specific mentor training.
- Selected Residents will need to demonstrate successful passage of the CSET prior to the fall 2025 semester.

Next steps:

1. Please meet with administration from prospective school site(s) to determine if there is a clear need for special education Teacher Residents within that district for the 2025/26 academic year.
2. Please complete Cal Poly Humboldt's Education Specialist Program application by visiting **<https://calstate.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>** Early application priority deadline is April 11, 2025. All others open until full.
3. Complete the HCOE Teacher Resident Eligibility Application at **<https://hcoe.org/teacher-residency>**.

For more information about Cal Poly Humboldt's Education Specialist Program and/or their application process, please visit **<https://education.humboldt.edu/node/20>** or contact Bernie Levy at (707) 826-5795.

For more information about the Teacher Residency Grant requirements, contact Sheila Rocker Heppe, Ed.D. at the Humboldt County Office of Education at (707) 441-3912 or at srockerheppe@hcoe.org.