

Science Teachers for Rural America (STRA) Or Transition to Teaching (T2T)

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Description of Program	The Science Teachers for Rural America (STRA) program is designed for individuals who have a bachelor's degree or higher in science and would like to become a middle school or high school science teacher in a rural school.	The Transition to Teaching (T2T) program is designed for individuals who have a bachelor's degree or higher in science, or the equivalent , and would like to become a middle school or high school science teacher in Kansas .
Timeline	STRA is a one-year path leading to full licensure. Program can be started any semester.	T2T is a two-year path leading to full licensure. Program can be started any semester.
Teaching during the program	Prior to licensure, STRA candidates may work as a long-term substitute teacher and then as a sponsored student teacher . There are no geographical restrictions.	T2T teachers must be employed in a school district in Kansas as the teacher-of-record under a Restricted Teaching License.
Compensation	Candidates may be paid the going rate for a long-term substitute teacher position followed by payment as a sponsored student teacher .	Teachers are paid the going rate for first year teachers .
Benefits	Benefits are dependent on school district policy.	Benefits are dependent on school district policy and align with first year teacher benefits.
Direct Financial Assistance	\$24,066 stipend provided from STRA program for tuition and cost of living expenses.	Financial Assistance through loans are an option for tuition assistance.
School District Assistance	The amount is dependent on negotiation with school district.	The amount is dependent on negotiation with school district.
Praxis Test	Must be passed within the first 9 credit hours of the program.	Must be passed to enter the program and obtain a Restricted Teaching License.
GPA	2.75 cumulative undergraduate	2.75 on the most recent 60 credit hours (including coursework taken after degree earned)
Possibility of Earning Master's Degree	30 credit hours required for program ; additional 9 credit hours to earn MSE degree.	24 credit hours required for program ; additional 12 credit hours to earn MSE degree.
Additional Requirements	STRA completers are required for 4 years to teach in rural or high needs school districts .	No restriction on teaching location after program completion.
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