



Commissioner's Fellows

Teach Tennessee is a highly selective, accelerated teacher licensure program initiated in 2005 and developed by the Tennessee Department of Education. *Teach Tennessee* is a program for those with strong content knowledge who wish to teach high need subjects in math, science (chemistry and physics preferred) or foreign language in grades 7-12.

Teach Tennessee expanded in 2010 to include a new program: the **Commissioner's Fellows**. To be considered for selection, the program requires a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants must be highly qualified in the subject they wish to teach by having 24 semester hours of college credit in that area or a passing score on the Praxis II content knowledge exam. Coursework in education or teaching experience is not required.

The **Commissioner's Fellows** does not require five years of work experience. Those selected for this program will be required to attend a twelve day Institute. Additionally, the Fellows must attend eight (8) monthly Saturday sessions during their first year of teaching, with additional professional development assigned over a three year period.

Teaching endorsements awarded are limited to those subject areas that are required for graduation with preference given to the highest need subject areas of math, science, and foreign language. Candidates may not be enrolled in another teacher education program, currently hold a teaching license or have previously held a teaching license.

To request an application, please contact Barbara Floyd at Barbara.Floyd@tn.gov.