

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

IMPACT Intern Program prepares to graduate 98 intern teachers from its credentials program

2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 18, TCOE Redwood Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

The Tulare County Office of Education's IMPACT Intern Program will hold its 16th annual graduation ceremony Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Redwood Conference Center. A total of 98 intern teachers have completed their coursework this year and will be recommended for the following credentials:

- Preliminary Multiple Subject
- Preliminary Single Subject (in English, Foundational-Level General Science, Foundational-Level Mathematics, Industrial and Technology Education, Spanish, Music, Physical Education, and various Sciences)
- Preliminary Education Specialist (Mild/Moderate, Moderate/Severe, and Early Childhood)
- Clear Career Technical Education – Health, Science, and Medical Technology

Credentialed teachers traditionally come from college- and university-based programs that put students through a rigorous training program that includes subject proficiency, education and pedagogy classes, and supervised student teaching. In an effort to assist school districts in finding qualified teacher candidates – particularly during extended periods of shortage – alternative routes to credentialing have been developed.

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The Tulare County Office of Education's IMPACT Intern Program is designed for teachers wishing to complete their California Preliminary Credential while teaching full-time. The IMPACT Intern Program is accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) as an alternative certification program.

The IMPACT Intern Program is a two-year program for Multiple Subject, Single Subject, and Education Specialist credentials in which interns gain expertise in teaching through coaching and support and by completing coursework each year. IMPACT teachers are employed as "teachers of record" while attending coursework two evenings per week.

For more information on the IMPACT Program, contact Mary Dolan, administrator, at (559) 302-3640, ext. 1356, or mary.dolan@tcoe.org.

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