

Teacher Training Corps Announces 30 New Training Slots

The Alaska Rural Teacher Training Corps (ARTTC), which underwent scrutiny last week by both the Anchorage Daily News and the Tundra Times, announced this week the opening up of 30 new positions for teacher trainees in the villages.

Sponsored by the State Operated Schools, the program is designed to open up careers in teaching to persons who might not be able to attend college in the usual manner.

Its function is also to train people with a practical background for teaching in the rural village schools.

The main requirement for acceptance in the program, according to SOS, is interest in becoming a teacher, particularly in Alaska's rural schools. High school graduation, while desirable, is not a requirement.

Upon acceptance, the trainees will attend 9 weeks of academic and pre-service courses at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks from July 3 to September 3.

They will then be assigned to a village school where they will work, live, and study, earning regular academic and professional credits on the job. In the summers, they will return to the

campus for training.

Of the 30 positions available, most are at the Corpsman I level, which would place the student as a college freshman.

There are also about five positions open at the junior college level for candidates who already have between 60 and 70 hours of college credit.

Recruitment, beginning immediately, will continue through May 20. Applicants must be free to attend the 9 week training session in Fairbanks beginning July 3.

For the first time in the program's history, recruitment and interviews will take place in the 10 Alaskan villages in which the program operates: Angoon, Metlakatla, Ft. Yukon, Tanana, Noorvik, Nulato, Nondalton, Bethel, Togiak, and Pt. Hope.

Applications are available through the schools in those communities and arrangements can be made for interviews by contacting either the principal or the ARTTC Corp member.

Applicants outside the villages can contact the Alaska State Operated School System, 650 International Road, Anchorage, or telephone 279-1645, Extension 237.

Information packets are available.
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