

The Franklin County School District is partnering with UT Southern in Pulaski, TN, to offer a Teacher Apprenticeship Program (also known as the Grow Your Own program) for educational assistants / paraprofessionals who have a minimum of an associate's degree or 60+ hours of college credit. Prospective candidates must be recommended by the district, meet admission requirements for UT Southern, and then meet requirements for admission to their teacher education program (2.75 GPA and minimum of 21 on ACT).

For our partnership, the currently available program leads to licensure in Special Education Interventionist K-8. In the near future, we may also be able to offer Elementary Education K-5, P.E. K-12, and secondary education biology, English, history, and math.

Candidates who qualify may be eligible to participate in the Teacher Apprenticeship Program, earning a Bachelor's Degree in education in about 2 years while working as an educational assistant / paraprofessional. There is no cost to qualifying candidates. The program requires the practice and attainment of specific competencies under the mentorship of a classroom teacher as well as about six semesters of course work through UT Southern. The course work will be a combination of asynchronous on-line classes, zoom meetings, on-campus classes, etc.

The purpose of the Teacher Apprenticeship Interest Form is to identify individuals with a genuine interest in the program. If you are interested or think you may be, please complete the form so that (1) you can get updated information; and (2) we know if there is enough interest to request additional licensure areas.

For more information: <https://growyourown.tnedu.gov/>  
<https://www.tn.gov/education/grow-your-own.html>

[Teacher Apprenticeship Interest Form](#)

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