



Leadership Institute of Riverside County  
Center for Teaching Innovation

**Teacher Leader Certification Academy:  
*Empowering and Equipping Teachers to Lead***

**Application**

The *Teacher Leader Certification Academy* is designed to acknowledge and validate the invaluable contributions of experienced and exceptional teacher leaders in Riverside County Schools while building even greater capacity for leadership with colleagues, administrators, students, and the community. In addition to the completion of this form, interested applicants must submit the following:

**Evidence of Successful Teaching Experience** (Attach copies to application):

- Employers' signed rigorous performance evaluation
- Professional resume with evidence of three years teaching experience
- Three Candidate Recommendation Letters (district-level administrator, current site administrator, and one "choice")

Candidates accepted into the *Teacher Leader Certification Academy* will begin the program in the fall of 2015. The successful completion of program requirements will result in recommendation for *Teacher Leader Certification* by RCOE's Leadership Institute of Riverside County. Participating teacher leaders who do not successfully meet the requirements of the two-year program or who fail to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities consistent with exemplary teacher leaders may be released from the two-year certification program.

Authorization for this program requires agreement from the applicant, the applicant's site administrator, one district level administrator, and the Leadership Institute of Riverside County *Teacher Leadership Certification Approval Team*.

Applicants should submit all required materials **prior to May 15, 2017**. Please JET or mail to:

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Teacher's Name: _____	District: _____	School: _____
Work Phone #: _____	Home Phone #: _____	Cell Phone #: _____
Work Email: _____	Home Email: _____	
Home Address: _____	City: _____	Zip: _____
Current Teaching Assignment: _____		
Site Administrator's Name: _____	Email: _____	Phone #: _____

**Candidate, please answer the following questions. You can type directly under each question, or submit a separate document answering the questions:**

1. Why would you like to participate in the RCOE Teacher Leader Certification Academy?
2. In what teacher leadership roles are you currently serving? How will TLCA support and enhance your career goals?
3. What evidence/data do you have to support your effectiveness as a teacher (anecdotal or achievement data, evaluations, awards)?
4. What are your strengths as a teacher leader? In what areas do you hope to grow?
5. Why do you believe you should be selected as a candidate for the RCOE Teacher Leader Certification Academy?

*My signature below affirms that I have met the eligibility requirements for the Teacher Leader Certification Academy and I have provided the required documentation of verification. I understand that I am not officially enrolled in the program until I receive written acceptance from the Teacher Leadership Certification Approval Team and paid the required registration fee at the beginning of each program year.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Leader Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*I fully support this teacher's application and feel that he/she is a good candidate for certification as a teacher leader.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Superintendent/Designee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date