

Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago

## Advanced Teaching Certificate Requirements

### Purpose:

The **Advanced Teaching Certificate Program** of the Associated Talmud Torahs is designed to enhance teacher effectiveness in the classroom. Consisting of a series of mini-courses in six different subject areas, the program will encourage teachers to develop new strategies to promote increased student learning. Participants will be expected to demonstrate mastery of these new skills and methods in their classrooms.

### Professional Benefits:

Upon successful completion of the program, participants will receive an **Advanced Teaching Certificate** - תעודת מתקדמת למחנכים. With this certificate, teachers receive a permanent salary increase of \$250.

### Program Description:

**I. In-Service:** The program will consist of eight mini-courses of the Department of Teacher Education and Development of the Associated Talmud Torahs. (An average mini-course consists of four 1-1/2 hour sessions.) In consultation with the director of the Department of Teacher Education, each candidate's program will be individually designed. However, unless previously fulfilled, the candidate must complete at least one course in each of the following areas:

- a. Instructional Design
- b. Instructional Methods
- c. Classroom Dynamics
- d. Educational Materials
- e. Educational Psychology
- f. Special Education
- g. Academic Content

**II. Practicum:** The candidate must complete three years of full-time supervised teaching in an ATT school. During that time, the teacher must participate in an intensive series (minimum of 4) of observation/conferences with an ATT supervisor to assist the teacher in improving his/her teaching skills.

**III. Continued Professional Growth:** In order to maintain the benefits of this program, the teacher must participate in at least one ATT mini course during each academic year.

### Eligibility:

The Advanced Teaching Certificate Program and its professional benefits is open to all ATT licensed Judaic Studies teachers in the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago system.