Teacher Residency Program vs. Intern Credential Program

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Are you wondering which type of credential program is right for you? There are traditional teacher preparation programs, teacher residency programs, and intern credential programs. This table only explains the difference between a teacher residency program and an intern credential program because a majority of Rivet School's partner programs fall into these two categories.

	Teacher Residency Program	Intern Credential Program
How does it work?	• You are paired with an experienced teacher of record who will lead the class that you are a resident in. • You assume classroom responsibilities gradually with the support of your mentor teacher (learn before doing). • You are expected to complete additional coursework.	• You are the teacher of record. • You are leading the classroom with limited support (learn by doing). • You are expected to complete additional coursework.
Do I get paid?	• You earn a living stipend from the credential program (varies depending on the program). • In most teacher residency programs, you aren't in the classroom 5 days/week so you can substitute teach or work at another part-time job.	• You are paid a salary with benefits by your school employer.
What are the benefits?	• More preparation before leading a classroom • Likelihood of job placement upon completion of program • Improved retention	• Paid employment • Fast track to leading a classroom
What are the drawbacks?	• Don't earn a salary (would require financial planning) • Limited flexibility	• Limited support • Pressure to perform (leading to burnout)
Who are some of Rivet School's partners?	• Alder • CSUEB • Dominican • Elevate • Teachers College of San Joaquin	• CSUEB • Dominican • National • Teachers College of San Joaquin