

Routes to Licensure - Alternative Preparation

	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) ¹	American Board (ABCTE)	Arkansas Teacher Corps (ATC)	Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL)	Provisional Professional Teaching License (PPTL)	Teach for America (TFA)	eStem Public Charter School Residency	Prism Education Center Teacher Institute
Degree Requirements	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE	Bachelor's degree, or within 6 months of Bachelor's degree, from regionally/nationally accredited IHE	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE
GPA Entry Requirements	varies by IHE	N/A	2.7 GPA or 2.9 on last 60 hours	N/A	N/A	2.7 GPA	2.7 GPA	2.7 GPA
Work experience requirement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 years experience in the specific content area of licensure	N/A	N/A	N/A
Entry Assessments	varies by IHE	N/A	Praxis Core or equivalent + Praxis Subject Assessment(s)	Praxis Subject Assessment(s)	Praxis Subject Assessment(s)	Praxis Subject Assessment(s)	Praxis Core or equivalent + Praxis Subject Assessment(s)	Praxis Core or equivalent + Praxis Subject Assessment(s)
Pre-service summer instruction	varies by IHE	N/A	7 week summer institute PD on ATC training curriculum	3 week summer academy	N/A	5 week summer institute 9 Graduate Hours from DSU	N/A	2 weeks of preservice summer instruction
Background Checks	criminal records and child maltreatment	criminal records and child maltreatment	criminal records and child maltreatment	criminal records and child maltreatment	criminal records and child maltreatment	criminal records and child maltreatment	criminal records and child maltreatment	criminal records and child maltreatment
Required Professional Ethics Training	varies by IHE	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS after ABCTE completion	ProEthica and ATC Training	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS	ProEthica and eStem training	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS
Professional Development (required prior to provisional)	Child Maltreatment Family and Community Engagement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Family and Community Engagement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Family and Community Engagement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Family and Community Engagement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Family and Community Engagement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Family and Community Engagement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Family and Community Engagement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Family and Community Engagement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness
License Type	provisional during program enrollment if teaching	3 year provisional	3 year provisional	2 year provisional	3 year provisional	2 year provisional	2 year provisional	N/A
Placement Schools	Public, Charter, or Accredited Private School	Arkansas Public or Charter School	ATC Partner School	Arkansas Public, Charter, or Accredited Private School	Arkansas Public or Charter School	TFA Partner School	eStem Public Charter School Little Rock, AR	Prism Education Center Fayetteville, AR
Recommendation for Licensure	Licensure Officer	Superintendent for Standard License	Licensure Officer	Licensure Officer	Superintendent for Standard License	Licensure Officer	Licensure Officer	Licensure Officer
Licensure Areas	All first-time licensure areas, all grades No School Counselor	7-12 Chemistry, Physics, Biology, ELA, Math, SS 4-8 Science, ELA, Math, SS	All first-time licensure areas, all grades No School Counselor or SpEd	All first-time licensure areas, all grades No School Counselor or SpEd	Grades K-12, 4-8, 4-12,7-12 content areas No Counselor or SpEd	All first-time licensure areas, all grades No School Counselor or SpEd	7-12 STEM areas	K-6, 4-8, 7-12 ELA, Biology, Math, SS K-12 PE/Health
Program Exit Assessments²	DESE approved pedagogy assessment	DESE approved pedagogy assessment	DESE approved pedagogy assessment	DESE approved pedagogy assessment	DESE approved pedagogy assessment	DESE approved pedagogy assessment	DESE approved pedagogy assessment	DESE approved pedagogy assessment
Cost	~\$10,000+/degree	~\$2000/program	no cost for program	\$1500/year	no cost for program	no cost for program	no cost for program	\$1600/year

1 All university programs vary. Contact the university for specific requirements.

2 Elementary K-6 and Special Ed K-12 candidates must pass stand-alone reading test prior to be issued a standard license.