



Routes to Licensure - Alternative Preparation

	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) ¹	American Board (ABCTE)	Arkansas Teacher Corps (ATC)	Arkansas Professional Educator Pathway (ArPEP)	Provisional Professional Teaching License (PPTL)	Teach for America (TFA)	eStem Public Charter School Residency	Virtual Arkansas
Degree/Program 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	current standard Arkansas teaching license, employed under contract with Virtual Arkansas
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	N/A
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	One year of employment with Virtual Arkansas
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)	N/A
Pre-service summer instruction	varies by IHE	N/A	7 week summer institute PD on ATC training curriculum	summer academy	N/A	5 week summer institute 9 Graduate Hours from DSU	N/A	Courses begin in summer
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	must be current
Required Professional Ethics Training	varies by IHE	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS after ABCTE completion	ATC Training	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS	ProEthica and Arkansas IDEAS	eStem training	must be current
Professional Development (required prior to provisional)	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	NA
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	endorsement added after program completion
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	Virtual Arkansas
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 K-6	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-12 Online Teaching Endorsement
Program Exit Assessments²	varies by IHE	ABCTE pedagogy ABCTE content exams for Provisional License	PLT for standard license	edTPA required for program (PLT if edTPA not passed) for standard license	PLT for standard license	PLT for standard license	PLT for standard license	Online Teaching
Cost	~\$10,000+/degree	~\$2000/program	no cost for program	\$1500/year	no cost for program	no cost for program	no cost for program	no cost for program

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 being issued a standard license.