



Routes to First-Time Licensure - Alternative Preparation

	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) ¹	Early Childhood PreK (First-time) ³	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	iteach Arkansas
Degree/Program Requirements	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE	bachelor's or higher from regionally/nationally accredited IHE in Early Childhood Education or 18 hrs in Early Childhood Education as part of a degree	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	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	2.5 GPA
Work experience requirement	N/A	working in early childhood setting	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	Praxis 5024: Education of Young Children	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 Subject Assessment(s)
Pre-service summer instruction	varies by IHE	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	N/A
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	criminal records and child maltreatment
Required Professional Ethics Training	varies by IHE	varies by IHE	Arkansas IDEAS after ABCTE completion	ATC Training	Arkansas IDEAS	Arkansas IDEAS	Arkansas IDEAS	eStem training	Arkansas IDEAS
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	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness	Child Maltreatment Parental Involvement Teen Suicide Prevention Dyslexia Awareness
License Type	provisional during program enrollment if teaching	provisional during program enrollment if teaching	3 year provisional	3 year provisional	2 year provisional	3 year provisional	2 year provisional	2 year provisional	provisional during program enrollment if teaching
Placement Schools	Public, Charter, or Accredited Private School	Public, Charter, or ABC Preschool	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	Arkansas Public, Charter, or Accredited Private School
Recommendation for Licensure	Licensure Officer	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	Early Childhood PreK (First-time) ³	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	Grades K-12, 4-8, 4-12,7-12 content areas No Counselor or SpEd
Program Exit Assessments²	varies by IHE	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 or micro-credential for standard license	PLT for standard license	PLT for standard license	embedded assessments
Cost	~\$10,000+/degree	no cost if in Academy	~\$2000/program	no cost for program	\$1500/year for two years	no cost for program	no cost for program	no cost for program	\$4,250

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.

³ Available through approved Teacher Academies