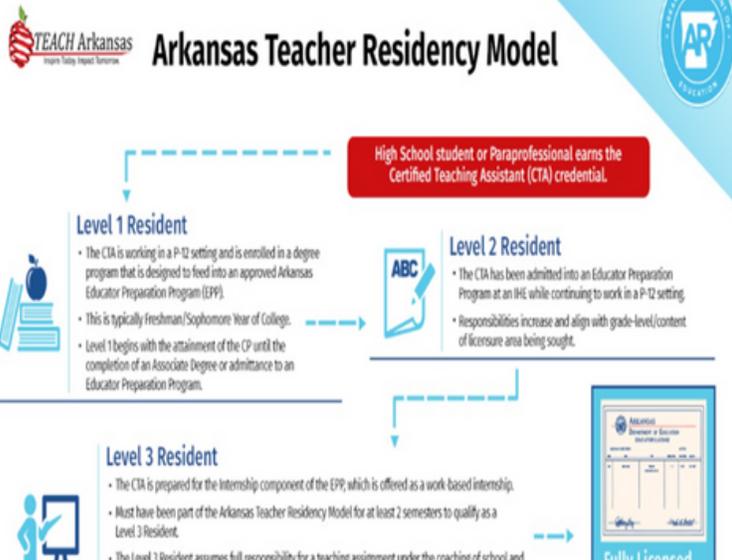


Educator Preparation NEWSLETTER



new pathway news

The Arkansas Teacher Residency (ATR) will launch in Fall 2022. This is a district-driven initiative that is an affordable, work-based pathway to the teaching profession. The model is for individuals who have always wanted to become a teacher but were unable to pursue their passion due to time, money, or the need for work flexibility.

More information can be found here:
<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/become-an-arkansas-teacher/arkansas-teacher-residency-model>

DCTE has finalized the Pre-Educator Pathway of Study standards and courses. Teacher training will be held in June and July in person at ADE.

new website news

The Arkansas Department of Education's Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) partnered with Forward Arkansas to rebrand and launch a new campaign for Teach Arkansas. The campaign's goal is to identify and encourage future and existing teachers to enter and remain in the profession by providing the resources, guidance, and information they need to become educators or grow within the classroom.

[read more](#)

The new website will help achieve two objectives. First, to see more teachers enter Arkansas classrooms in the highest need regions of the state. Second, to provide veteran and new educators with resources for professional growth. Upon navigating to www.TeachArkansas.org, visitors can connect with career coaches and licensure advisors and access tools to help them explore various financial incentives. Visitors can learn more about the process of becoming a teacher by using the "choose your path to teacher licensure" tool. The tuition calculator makes planning a debt-free path to the classroom simple, and an interactive map shows current and future teachers the areas of the state most in need of qualified and licensed teachers.



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STATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 5, 2022

HOSTED BY: UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL
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AGENDA:

- 8:15-9:00 AM: REGISTRATION
- 9:00-9:05 AM: WELCOME -UCA
- 9:05-9:10 AM: WELCOME- ADE- JOHNNY KEY
- 9:10-9:35 AM: DR. IVY PFEFFER- KEYNOTE SPEAKER
- 9:35-9:45 AM: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arkansas Educators Rising News

Educators Rising is the high school and collegiate student organization (CTSO) that assists districts in cultivating their own next generation of highly skilled educators through a "grow your own" initiative. There are currently over 700 members in Arkansas Chapters of Educators Rising with 50 high school chapters and 5 collegiate chapters. Let Raven Harris, Educators Rising State Coordinator, know if you would like to establish a chapter on your campus! raven.harris@ade.arkansas.gov

The Educators Rising State Conference will be held April 5 at UCA with over 300 high school and collegiate Educators Rising members registered. The event will be held in person with a virtual option. We are excited that 20 Arkansas Ed Rising students have the opportunity to attend the National Educators Rising Conference in Washington D.C. in June 2022.

Upcoming Events News

The ADE Summit will be held July 11-13, 2022. The Summit will have both virtual sessions and in-person sessions available at the Hot Springs Convention Center. The Summit combines many smaller conferences into one event. Details and registration information will be available in April at <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/communications/ade-summit>

ADE SUMMIT 2022



Teacher Academies News



Teacher Academies provide current licensed Arkansas public school educators a way to add endorsements to their license and currently employed PreK staff that meet specific requirements to earn a first-time license. All academies offer graduate credit hours and are available at no cost to the participants. More information and links to approved academies are available on the [Teacher Academy website](#).

Program Revisions News

[Arkansas competencies](#) for many licensure areas have been updated in response to changes to national standards and licensure assessments. This drives the need to update programs. We have created a [Program Revisions Deadlines chart](#) to show what is needed for 2022–2023. A reminder will be sent in April to programs that are past due and are in danger of losing approval. Programs losing approval will not be listed on the [Higher Education Approved Programs Matrix](#). Send program revisions to Ann Crosser at Ann.Crosser@ade.arkansas.gov and Phertonsia.Boston@ade.arkansas.gov.

Teacher Competencies News

[Program revisions](#) are often driven by changes to the [Educator Competencies](#). Educator Preparation uses the [Competency Revision Tracker](#) as a tool to plan for upcoming program revisions. This is a working document and is subject change but can be used as a reference to track upcoming program revisions.



Early Childhood Licensure and Programs News

- Revisions are in the process to rename and create new areas of licensure for early childhood and early childhood special education. The changes will go into effect in the 2022-2023 school year. Programs for the previous licensure area for early childhood P-4 were discontinued in Fall 2015 and now there is a need to increase the pipeline for teachers in early childhood PreK settings.
- Early Childhood Pre-K (licensure code 517) is a new program area for first-time licensure. An alternative preparation Teacher Academy begins this fall to license teachers currently employed in PreK settings, see information above. Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) are encouraged to develop traditional preparation programs for Early Childhood PreK. IHEs will submit section A - New Program for First-time Licensure in the [Protocol for the Review and Approval of Programs of Study Leading to Educator Licensure](#) and align to the new [Early Childhood Pre-K First-time Competencies](#). This licensure area will require a passing score on [Praxis 5024: Education of Young Children](#)
- Early Childhood Pre-K Endorsement to an Elementary Education K-6 license (licensure code 517) will be the new name for the Age 3-4 Endorsement. There are currently 6 IHEs with approved programs of study. These programs will need to submit a revision to show alignment to the updated [Early Childhood Endorsement Competencies](#) no later than February 2023. This licensure area will require a passing score on [Praxis 5024: Education of Young Children](#)
- Pre-K Special Education Endorsement to a Special Education K-12 license (licensure code 519) is the new name for Age 3-4 Special Education Endorsement to a Special Education license. This is a test-out option for Special Education K-12 licensed teachers using the upcoming [Praxis 5692: Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention](#).
- Pre-K Special Education Endorsement to an Early Childhood License (licensure code 519) will be a new program area for an exception area endorsement. This will be available for teachers with an Elementary Education K-6, Early Childhood Pre-K license, or Early Childhood P-4 license. Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) are encouraged to develop programs of study for Pre-K Special Education Endorsement. IHEs will submit section B - New Program for Licensure Endorsement in the [Protocol for the Review and Approval of Programs of Study Leading to Educator Licensure](#) and align to the new [Pre-K Special Education Endorsement Competencies](#). These programs can start as soon as approved. This licensure area will require a passing score on [Praxis 5692: Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention](#). We are planning on sponsoring Teacher Academies beginning in spring 2023 pending the availability of funds.
- Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated B-K (licensure code 252) will not change. There are currently two (2) MAT, two (2) traditional undergraduate, and four (4) endorsement programs approved. These programs will need to submit a revision to show alignment to the updated [Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated Birth-Kindergarten First-Time](#) or [Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated Birth-Kindergarten Endorsement](#) competencies no later than February 2023. This licensure area will require a passing score on [Praxis 5023 Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education](#).



Licensure Assessment News

Information on assessments for licensure is available on the [DESE's Licensure Assessments webpage](#).

Praxis –Test Changes * DESE typically adopts a new test one year after its availability to allow EPP to update programs of study.

Licensure Content Area	Current Version Praxis	New Version Praxis	New Cut Score	State Review Date	Arkansas Launch Date
Mathematics: Content Knowledge	5161	5165	152	3/16/2022	9/1/2022
Middle School Mathematics	5169	5164	150	3/16/2022	9/1/2022

Future Test Changes (from ETS mid-year update)

[Arkansas Licensure Tests and History web page](#) is a good source for current and previous licensure tests.

Please feel free to peruse and save as a good source for all licensure tests including upcoming tests and tests currently in development from the testing companies. If you have any comments, please send them to Michael.rowland@ade.arkansas.gov.

Upcoming Test Updates/New Test:

- Biology: Content Knowledge (5236) – June PLSB/July SBE, Sept. 2023 start date
- Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5246) – June PLSB/July SBE, Sept. 2023 start date
- Earth and Space Science: Content Knowledge (5572) – June PLSB/July SBE, Sept. 2023 start date
- Physics: Content Knowledge (5266) – June PLSB/July SBE, Sept. 2023 start date
- Russian: World Language (5671) effective upon adoption – TBA (MSSS delayed)
- School Librarian (5312) fm. Library Media Specialist (5311) – TBA (MSSS delayed)

Test Updates:

- Special Education: Core Knowledge Applications (5355) – available September 2023. The 5355 will replace the 5354 September 2024
- Family and Consumer Sciences (5123) – available September 2024
- Technology Education (5053) – available September 2024

New to Test at Home:

- Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023)
- Music: Content Knowledge (5113)

State Test Reviews: TBA – tentatively fall/winter 2022

- Biology: Content Knowledge (5236)
 - Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5246)
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 - Physics: Content Knowledge (5266)
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Division of Elementary and Secondary Education News

[LIC-22-016 2022 Educators Rising State Conference](#)

[LIC-22-024 2022-2023 Online Teacher Academy Announcement and Registration Information](#)

[COM-22-104 Qualified Tutors available through Arkansas Tutoring Corps](#)

[LS-22-048 Special Education Programs: Vision/Hearing Specialist Stipends, 2022-2023](#)

[LIC-22-017 Licensure Assessment Support - Updated](#)

[COM-22-115 Computer Science and Computing Educator Academy](#)

[COM-22-116 Rules for the Computer Science Education Advancement Act of 2021 \(Act 414\) Passed by the AR SBE](#)

[LIC-22-020 Arkansas Micro-Credentials](#)

[COM-22-126 2021 School Report Card Released](#)

[LS-22-059 Pre-K Foundational Literacy Curriculum - Launchpad](#)

[LIC-22-022 National Board Certification Teacher Bonuses](#)

[LS-22-057 Course Code Updates for 2022-2023 Academic Year](#)

[COM-22-136 Announcing THRIVE AR Leader Academy – Supporting Behavior and Mental Health for All](#)

[COM-22-115 2022 Computer Science and Computing Educator Academy](#)

[LIC-22-025 Early Childhood PreK Alternative Preparation Teacher Academies](#)

Be sure to follow all DESE activities on social media at the following locations:

<https://www.facebook.com/arkansased>

Twitter Accounts: [@arkansased](#) [#TeachArkansas](#) [#ARStudentFocused](#) [#plc4AR](#) [#RISEArkansas](#)
[@effect_ar](#)