



ArPEP

Arkansas Professional Educator Pathway

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need to take the Praxis Core tests?

A: No. You only need to take the Praxis subject area test in the area you would like to teach. Please visit our website under *Licensure Assessments* to find the correct test and the required passing scores.

Q: Do I need to have a job to apply for ArPEP?

A: You are not fully admitted until you receive a teaching position. You have until October 1st to secure a position as the teacher of record and must remain the teacher of record for the duration of the program. For assistance in job placement, you may create an account on NIMBLE, the [Arkansas Educator Job Board- NIMBLE](#)

Q: What happens after I submit my application?

A: You will receive either a letter of acceptance or a letter of deficiency. The letter of acceptance shows potential employers that you are eligible to receive a provisional license upon securing a job offer.

Q: What areas do you license in?

A: All first-time licensure area except Library Media Specialist, Guidance Counseling, Early Childhood, and Special Education.

Q: Am I able to switch schools after receiving my provisional license through ArPEP?

A: Under extreme circumstances you may switch schools, but not grade levels.

Q: Why do I need both my unofficial and official transcripts?

A: To apply, you may upload an unofficial transcript. However, an official transcript is required to obtain your license. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education must receive your official transcript directly from your university to issue a provisional license, as the site facilitator does not have access to ADE's AELS to view official transcripts.

Q: I already have my background checks completed by my current employer; do I need new background checks?

A: All background checks must be current within one year of requesting a provisional license.

Q: How much is the program?

A: The ArPEP Year One program fee is \$2,250 for participants who need a payment plan. The first installment of \$750 is due June 1st. Second-year participants will pay their fees before attending summer training.

Q: How is the program structured?

A: You will attend a two-week summer training course followed by one Saturday session per month over the next two years. The summer training and monthly sessions are in person and attendance is mandatory. The sessions will usually last between six to eight hours.

Q: I graduate this May; Can I still apply for ArPEP?

A: You can apply this spring if your transcript shows an expected graduation date in May. However you will not be officially enrolled until you submit your official transcript with your bachelor's degree conferred.

Q: Do I need to take the Foundations of Reading exam to apply for ArPEP?

A: No. You are required to pass the Foundations of Reading exam before applying for your Elementary Education standard license.

Q: If I am admitted using the flexible option, can I pass the Praxis to meet the option 1 requirements?

A: No, you will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) stating that you will complete the program requirements under the flexible option.

Q: How can I apply under the Flexible Enrollment?

A: You will need to sign the MOU and choose option 2 on the memorandum and submit it with your application.

Q: If I have additional questions. Who do I contact?

A: You may send an email to ade.arpep@ade.arkansas.gov.