



Online Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Education Program Plan July 2009 – June 30, 2010

The following steps are necessary to successfully complete the teacher prep program:

Step 1: Getting Started

Attend an Orientation (visit www.riosalado.edu/teachers for dates and times). If you are unable to attend an orientation, please contact Rio Salado College Academic Advisement (visit www.riosalado.edu/advisement for dates and times).

- Register for EDU285AA: Education Program Seminar and EDU287AA: Master Teacher Seminar I.
- Prerequisite : Apply immediately for a fingerprint clearance card. This is required before you can participate in any classroom practicum. Refer to the notes at the end of this document for detailed requirements and instructions.
- Familiarize yourself with Practicum Overview Requirements:
http://www.riosalado.edu/programs/education/postbacc/Documents/public_practicum_overview.pdf
- Familiarize yourself with Program Progression Information:
<http://www.riosalado.edu/programs/education/postbacc/Documents/progProgressionInfo1.pdf>
- For additional information, please visit the Frequently Asked Questions site:
<http://www.riosalado.edu/programs/education/Pages/default.aspx>

Step 2: Developing Foundational Knowledge & Experience – Level I Complete Courses Appropriate to Certification Requirements

Elementary K-8	Secondary 7-12	Special Education K-12
Passing scores on the appropriate Subject Knowledge AEPAs are required prior to student teaching. Elementary and Secondary students are encouraged to take these exams during Level I. Special Education students can delay their AEPAs until Level II.		
EDU285AA: Education Program Seminar	1	EDU285AA: Education Program Seminar
EDU287AA: Master Teacher Seminar I	1	EDU287AA: Master Teacher Seminar I
EDU220: Intro to Serving Eng. Lang Learners (ELL) **10 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hours	3	EDU220: Intro to Serving Eng. Lang Learners (ELL) **10 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hours
EDU272: Educational Psychology	3	EDU272: Educational Psychology
EDU276: Classroom Management 25 Required Practicum Hours	3	EDU276: Classroom Management 25 Required Practicum Hours
EDU270: Learning and the Brain	3	EDU270: Learning and the Brain
EDU222: Intro to Exceptional Learner 25 Required Practicum Hours	3	EDU222: Intro to Exceptional Learner 25 Required Practicum Hours
EDU271: Phonics Reading/Decoding **10 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hours	3	EDU271: Phonics Reading/Decoding **10 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hours
EDU270AA: Elementary Reading/Decoding 10 Required Practicum Hours	3	
Total Level I Credits	23	Total Level I Credits
		14
		Total Level I Credits
		17

** Virtual practicum and tutoring

Step 3: Obtaining Formal Admission into Teacher Prep Program

- Complete Steps 1 & 2 and submit a Formal Application to the Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Prep Program
- Visit: <http://www.riosalado.edu/programs/education/Documents/edu-application.pdf> to download a Formal Application.
- Follow the deadlines listed on the Student Teaching Lab Request.

Step 4: Developing Professional Knowledge, Experience & Methods– Level II

- **Strongly** recommended that no more than two methods courses be taken at one time.
- Register for EDU285AC Education Perspectives and EDU287AC – Master Teacher Seminar III
- **Level II Method courses with practicum hours will NOT be offered during Summer I session (mid-May – June 30th)**
- Complete courses appropriate for certification requirements.

Elementary K-8		Secondary 7-12		Special Education K-12	
EDU285AC – Education Perspectives	1	EDU285AC – Education Perspectives	1	EDU285AC – Education Perspectives	1
EDU287AC – Master Teacher Seminar III	1	EDU287AC – Master Teacher Seminar III	1	EDU287AC – Master Teacher Seminar III	1
EDU251 Methods of SEI/ESL 20 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hrs	3	EDU251: Methods of SEI/ESL 20 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hrs	3	EDU251 Methods of SEI/ESL 20 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hrs	3
EDU290: Science Methods 20 Required Practicum Hours	3	EDU284: Dynamic Teaching in Sec. School 20 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hrs	2	EDU223AA: Emotional Disabilities 10 Required Practicum Hours	3
EDU293: Math Methods 20 Required Practicum Hours	3	EDU274: Understanding Adolescent Behavior 20 Required Practicum Hours	3	EDU223AB: Learning Disabilities 10 Required Practicum Hours	3
EDU295: Social Studies Methods 20 Required Practicum Hours	3	+EDU289: Secondary Methods	1	EDU223AC: Mental Retardation 10 Required VIRTUAL Practicum Hrs	3
		++Complete one course listed below based on your certification content area. Each course has 20 required practicum hours : EDU289AA Sec. Methods Soc Studies EDU289AB Sec. Methods Mathematics EDU289AC Sec. Methods Science EDU289AD Sec. Methods English EDU289AE Sec. Methods Special Topics	2	EDU223AD: Health/Orthoped Impairm. 10 Required Practicum Hours	3
				+++EDU226: Methods in Spec Ed 30 Required Practicum Hours	3
Total Level II Credits	14	Total Level II Credits	13	+++EDU223AF: Assessment in Spec. Ed. 5 Required Practicum Hours	3
EDU288AA Student Teaching (9 Weeks)	8	EDU288AB Student Teaching (9 Weeks)	8	EDU293: Math Methods 20 Required Practicum Hours	3
		Teaching Content Area (24) (if needed)			
				Total Level II Credits	26
				EDU288AC Student Teaching (9 Weeks)	8
Total Elementary Education Program Credits	45	Total Secondary Education Program Credits	35	Total Special Education Program Credits	51

+ Must complete EDU289 prior to EDU289AA-AE +++Must complete EDU223AA-AD prior to enrollment
 ++Must complete **one** of the modules

Step 5: Qualifying for and Completing Student Teaching – Level III (8credits)

- Complete all required courses with a “B” or better and have a passing score for the appropriate AEPA or comparable state Subject Knowledge exam at least **two weeks** prior to your student teaching start date
- In-county students attend the Student Teaching Orientations; others view the Orientation DVD.
- Make contact with your assigned cooperating teacher prior to your start date.
- Complete a minimum nine-week, full-time student teaching experience evaluated by your cooperating teacher and Rio’s college supervisor

Note: For certification, the Arizona Department of Education will allow two years of verified full-time teaching experience in the appropriate grade levels to substitute for student teaching. However, if you choose not to complete the 8-credit student teaching course at Rio, student teaching will not be listed on your transcript and you will NOT have completed Rio Salado’s state approved program. Rio Salado will NOT issue an Institutional Recommendation (IR) verifying program completion to Arizona or to any other state unless you complete the student teaching lab course.

Step 6: Completing the Program and Applying for Teacher Certification

- Pass the appropriate Professional Knowledge AEPA or comparable state exam, if you have not already done so. This is required to be eligible for Arizona teacher certification.
- Upon successful completion of the program, Rio Salado will issue you an Institutional Recommendation (IR), which you submit to the Arizona Department of Education as application for your teaching certificate, along with a copy of your valid Arizona Identity Verified Prints (IVP) fingerprint clearance card and application fees.

PROGRAM NOTE

1. To comply with Arizona State Legislature ARS 2566, Section 15 – 534 regarding fingerprint clearance, all in-state Rio Salado College Teacher Education students who wish to complete an in-person practicum or student teaching must obtain an Identity Verified Prints (IVP) fingerprint clearance card prior to participating in a classroom. If you already have a valid fingerprint clearance card issued to you by Arizona Department of Public Safety prior to January 1, 2008, it is acceptable until its expiration date. Otherwise, you must have an IVP fingerprint card issued to you by Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Out-of-state students are responsible for complying with their home state fingerprint requirements. If there is no fingerprint requirement, students must secure an Arizona fingerprint clearance card with the Arizona Department of Public Safety. **All in-state and out-of-state students** must provide a valid IVP fingerprint clearance card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety when applying for an Arizona teaching certificate.

For more information, please visit: www.azleg.gov/ Fingerprint clearance packet may be obtained by contacting the Arizona Department of Public Safety at: Department of Public Safety, Application Clearance Card Team, 2320 N. 20th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85005 (602) 223-2279. Classification takes 4-12 weeks.

2. Level II method courses that require a practicum **will not** be available during the Summer I term (mid May – June 30). You must plan accordingly.
3. The Arizona Department of Education requires all approved Teacher Certification Programs to include coursework in Structured English Immersion to meet the new state mandate to include this content information. Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education students will take EDU220 and EDU251 to satisfy their full SEI requirement.
4. The Arizona Department of Education requires all teacher certification applicants to satisfy the Arizona and U.S. Constitution requirement within three years of receipt of a valid teaching certificate. The three years begins when the first Emergency Teaching Certificate, Intern Certificate or Provisional Certificate is awarded. Individuals applying for a certification authorizing them to teach a course that focuses predominantly on history, government, social studies, citizenship, law or civics, have only one year to fulfill this requirement. To satisfy this requirement Rio Salado College offers POS221 and POS222.

NOTE: Arizona and US Constitution may not be necessary for those students wishing to certify in another state. Each state may have a unique requirement pertaining to this element. Out-of-state students who do not meet these requirements, will have a deficiency noted on the Arizona teaching certificate. It is the student's responsibility to verify specific state certification reciprocity requirements prior to completing the program.

NOTE: Program Plan is subject to change based on Arizona Department of Education requirements.

Program approval: The Rio Salado College Post-Baccalaureate Programs are approved by the Arizona State Board of Education.

Accreditation: Rio Salado College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.