



Elementary Education, Grades K-8 Alternative Teaching Certification

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Earn your Elementary Education Teaching Certificate Online

The Teacher in Residence (TIR) Programs allow students who already hold a bachelor's degree to receive employment in a classroom while simultaneously completing their education coursework toward certification. The Post Baccalaureate Teacher in Residence Programs are approved by the Arizona Department of Education and utilizes the Alternative Teaching Certificate.

Students in the Elementary Education program are preparing to teach children from kindergarten through 8th grade. This program requires in-person field experiences and a student teaching experience in a K-8 general education classroom. Students must verify content proficiency through the passage of a state-approved subject knowledge exam ([AEPA/NES](#)).

Prior to enrolling, students must be recommended by a school district for employment, as a contracted K-8 general education classroom teacher, provide a current IVP fingerprint card, and passing elementary subject knowledge I and II exam scores.

CIPS Code: 13.1202

Program Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Teacher in Residence, Elementary Education, Post Baccalaureate Educator Preparation Program required.

Required Courses – Year 1

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Start Date	Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours	
Sem 1	EDU276	Classroom Management and Behavioral Analysis	3	5 hours	

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Start Date	Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
Sem 1	EDU293	Mathematics Methods and Curriculum Development	3	4 hours
Sem 1	EDU255AC	Intern Certificate Student Teaching Lab - Elementary Education I	2	Employment Teaching K-8
Sem 2	EDU268	Science of Reading Including Systematic Phonics Instruction	3	5 hours
Sem 2	EDU295	Social Studies Methods and Curriculum Development	3	4 hours
Sem 2	EDU255AD	Intern Certificate Student Teaching Lab - Elementary Education II	2	Employment Teaching K-8
Summer 1	EDU204	Fine Arts in Educational Settings	3	0
Summer 1	EDU225	Professionalism and Ethics in Education	1	0

Required Courses – Year 2

Level 2 Prerequisites: Successful completion of year 1 courses and 3.0 overall GPA. Courses with a final grade of "D" or "F" must be retaken regardless of GPA.				Field Experience
Start Date	Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
Sem 3	EDU235	The Exceptional Learner	3	5 hours

Level 2 Prerequisites: Successful completion of year 1 courses and 3.0 overall GPA. Courses with a final grade of "D" or "F" must be retaken regardless of GPA.				Field Experience
Sem 3	EDU267	Reading Instructional Practices, Interventions, and Assessments	3	5 hours
Sem 3	EDU255AE	Intern Certificate Student Teaching Lab - Elementary Education III	2	Employment Teaching K-3
Sem 4	EDU297	Language Arts Methods and Curriculum Development	3	4 hours
Sem 4	EDU290	Science Methods and Curriculum Development	3	4 hours
Sem 4	EDU255AF	Intern Certificate Student Teaching Lab - Elementary Education IV	2	Employment Teaching K-3
Summer 2	POS220 OR POS221 AND POS222	U.S. and AZ Constitution (3) OR Arizona Constitution (1) AND U.S. Constitution (2)	3	0
Summer 2	EDU239	Structured English Immersion	3	0

Notes

- Contracted teaching position must be in a general education K-8 classroom. All core subject areas must be taught (ELA, math, social studies, science).
- TIR program staff will register students for all courses. Payment and/or payment arrangements need to be paid upon registration.
- All TIR students are also required to participate in webinars, blogs, flip camera submissions and formal evaluations.
- The total amount of credits required for this program is 37-42 credit hours.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses required within the program.
- Minimum GPA: 3.00

- All application materials are purged after one year from receipt when program enrollment does not transpire.