



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 that you would like to teach. Please look at our website under Licensure Assessments to locate the correct test to take and passing scores for each test.

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

A: You have until October 1st to secure a teaching position as the teacher of record. ArPEP does not assist with job placement.

Q: What happens after I submit my application?

A: The site facilitator of the location that you choose will process your application. They will either send you a letter of acceptance or deficiency. The letter of acceptance shows potential employers that you are able to receive a provisional license upon receiving a job offer.

Q: What areas do you license in?

A: Any 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: You can switch schools but not grade levels.

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

A: The site facilitator will need your unofficial transcripts to process your application. The Arkansas Department of Education needs your official transcripts sent directly from your university to issue a provisional license.

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

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

Q: How much is the program?

A: The ArPEP program fee is \$1500 per year. It is split in two payments with the first payment of \$750 due before the first day of summer training. The next payment will be due by December 31st.

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

A: You can apply this spring as long as your transcript shows your expected graduation date.

Q: I have previously applied for ArPEP, do I need to resubmit my application?

A: If you have applied through AELS, you will need to contact your site facilitator and make sure you have submitted a completed application. If you have applied before 2023, you will need to apply through AELS.

Q: I have additional questions, who do I contact?

A: You may call Stephanie Hall at 501.682.4589 or email her at Stephanie.Hall@ade.arkansas.gov.