

# APPEL PROGRAM

Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure Program



Arkansas's  
Non-Traditional  
Route to  
Obtaining an  
Educator  
License

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Opportunity. It's one word that describes the Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL) Program. If you are interested in becoming an Arkansas teacher and hold a degree in another field, consider the APPEL program!

This program puts participants on the fast track to begin a career in education. It allows them to enter one of the most challenging and demanding, yet fulfilling, professions in today's workforce.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Instruction

The program includes interactive face-to-face and comprehensive online training that aligns with the Common Core State Standards, Arkansas Teaching Standards, and the Danielson Framework for Teaching, which is used for teacher mentoring and evaluation.

Additional coursework is necessary for those pursuing certification in Middle School 4-8 and Secondary Social Studies 7-12.

### Degree and GPA

Applicants must have a four-year degree with a minimum 2.70 GPA at graduation or a 2.90 GPA for the last 60 hours of completed coursework.

### PRAXIS Exams

Applicants must pass the necessary licensure exams.

### Background Checks

Applicants will be required to complete state, federal and Department of Human Services background checks.

### Cost

The cost is \$1,300 each year, for a total of \$2,600.

### How to Apply

Applications are accepted from February to May each year.

If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of children, while building a rewarding career, visit [www.arkansased.gov](http://www.arkansased.gov) to learn more and apply!



The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) administers the two-year program. The APPEL program provides summer and monthly instruction, mentoring support, guidance, and professional growth to participants.

Once accepted into the program, you will be eligible, upon hire, to receive a provisional Arkansas Educator License. Holding this license allows you to work in the classroom while earning a salary and benefits as you gain valuable on-the-job experience.

Upon successful completion of the program, you will earn the standard five-year Arkansas Educator License.