Where and when do I apply for APPEL?

Applications are accepted from February 15, 2016, to May 27, 2016. Search for the APPEL program online at www.arkansased.gov.
The application is only available during the application window.

How much does the program cost, and when is payment due?

The APPEL program fee is $1,300 per year for the two-year program. Contact the APPEL office for information about possible grant opportunities to cover this cost.

For more information on routes to Arkansas licensure, click on the QR-code below.

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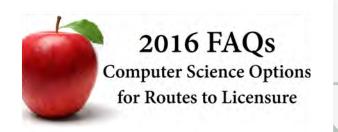Four Capitol Mall, Room 112B
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Non-Traditional Routes to Obtaining an Educator License

Computer Science Options

2016 FAQs
Computer Science Options for Routes to Licensure

I hold a bachelor's degree and am interested in teaching computer science. Are there any programs or incentives?

You must license as a teacher through a non-traditional route. The APPEL route is one choice. To increase the number of computer science teachers to support Arkansas' computer science initiative, the ADE will pay tuition for up to 50 qualified candidates who enroll in the APPEL program.

Qualified candidates must enroll by the May 27, 2016, deadline. Funding is subject to availability and will be credited as the candidate completes the entire application process.

What is the APPEL program, and who can participate?

APPEL is an alternate route to obtaining an Arkansas teaching license for those holding at least a four-year degree in an area other than education. It is preferred but not mandatory that the degree is in computer science or a related field. APPEL is a two-year preparation track. Participants are issued a two-year APPEL Provisional Teaching License.

What is the APPEL Provisional Teaching License?

The APPEL certification is a two-year provisional license issued to a fully-admitted participant in the APPEL program for the purpose of teaching on a part-time (at least 3 hours per day) or full-time basis as a teacher-of-record in an Arkansas public or private (with a certified mentor) school. The license can be issued for up to two secondary grades (7-12) content subject areas. This includes the area of computer science that covers grades 4-12.

What is needed to qualify for full admission to APPEL?

To qualify, applicants must provide the following:
• Proof of a bachelor's degree or higher with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.70, or a 2.90 in the last 60 hours of coursework completed; and
• Passing scores on the Praxis CORE (R,W,M): 5751 exams; OR
• Passing score (s) on an approved equivalent exam (GRE, LSAT, MCAT);
• Passing score (s) on the Praxis Subject Assessments (formerly Praxis II exams), specifically the Computer Science: 5651 exam;
• Clearance of all required background checks for teacher licensure in Arkansas; and
• Completed APPEL Online Application.

Which documentation is required for admission, and how do I submit documents?

For very detailed information regarding how to submit transcripts, test scores, etc., it is **highly recommended** that you view the APPEL 2016-2017 FAQ document available on the ADE website. To access this document, go to www.**arkansased.gov,** click "A" in the Topics A-Z list and click the APPEL link. You will find it on the APPEL page under Related Files.

What happens once my application and documentation are received by APPEL?

Within 7-10 business days of receipt of ALL documents AND online application, approved applicants will receive an email with information regarding acceptance to the program and how to proceed once accepted. This will include documentation to put with applications for jobs so that district officials know you are employable.

When and how do participants attend Instructional Modules?

Instructional modules are offered at regional sites throughout the state, both face-to-face and online, for two years. Participants choose the site when applying. Participants attend the following:
• Three weeks of modules in the month of June each year of the two-year program;
• Eight monthly modules during the school year each year of the two-year program from September to April;
• June modules are face-to-face Monday-Friday, 8 AM to4 PM each day;
• Four face-to-face modules on Saturday in the months of September, November, February and April; and
• Four online modules are completed in the months of October, December, January and March.