

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Computer Science 4-12 (area 528)
Additional Licensure Plan

Name: _____ S.S.#: _____

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Email address: _____ County: _____ School District: _____

School districts seeking to employ educators to teach out of field (not in the field in which the educator is currently licensed) will use the Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) to meet that need. School districts may use the ALP process to address unusual emergency situations when licensed educators are asked to teach in areas/levels for which they are not licensed. School districts may not exceed the three-year limit without possible penalty.

Eligibility Guidelines. Educators must meet the following conditions:

- possess a standard Arkansas educator license,
- seek to add this area of licensure, and
- be assigned to teach in this area rather than the one for which they are currently licensed.

Please refer to the Department of Education website at www.arkansased.org and click on educator Licensure, then Add Area to License, for information on adding additional licensure areas by testing out or through a program of study and testing.

Required Assessments: Praxis II: Computer Science exam #5651 Minimum score required: 159

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html

Any educator wishing to take any Praxis assessment is strongly encouraged to obtain these study materials.

The following background is strongly recommended before attempting the Praxis testing:

Recommended Content Background:

- Technology Applications Core
- Program Design and Development
- Programming Language Topics

Recommended Experience Background:

- Knows technology terminology and concepts; the appropriate use of hardware, software, and digital files; and how to acquire, analyze, and evaluate digital information
- Knows how to use technology tools to solve problems, evaluate results, and communicate information in a variety of formats for diverse audiences
- Knows how to plan, organize, deliver, and evaluate instruction that effectively utilizes current technology for teaching technology applications for all students
- Knows problem-solving strategies and different procedures for program design
- Knows procedures for software development and implementation

- Knows computer science terminology and concepts and the characteristics of different programming languages and paradigms
- Correctly and efficiently uses data types, data structures, and functions in the development of code
- Correctly and efficiently uses statements and control structures in the development of code
- Knows how to construct, compare and analyze various algorithms

Employing school district guidelines.

- The employing school district will document the need to assign an educator out of field.
- The employing school district superintendent shall submit a waiver request and completed ALP form with the ADE Office of Educator Licensure within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment, thus documenting the above statement.
- The employing school district understands that an educator working under this ALP shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing the Educator Licensure) each school year that the educator is employed in the out-of-area assignment.
- The employing school district understands that the educator will have no more than three school years from the first date he/she was employed in the out-of-area assignment by any district to meet full licensure requirements for the additional licensure or endorsement being sought. A waiver request must be submitted each school year the educator is employed out-of-area.

School District Assurances:

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Educator ALP guidelines.

Educators shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing Educator Licensure) each school year that the educator is employed in the out-of-area assignment. If the educator EITHER leaves the ALP position OR doesn't complete the requirements within three consecutive years, he/she will NOT be eligible for employment again under an ALP for this area of licensure.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____ S.S.#: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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