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*April 2016 Newsletter*

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**Educator Licensure**  
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*Dear Educators,*

*Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. Please encourage your colleagues to update their licensure information at <https://adeaels.arkansas.gov/AelsWeb/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx> to ensure future newsletter delivery. Educators may also view current license information, apply for a Name Change, apply to Add Areas by testing, apply to Add a Degree and apply for a Life-time License at this site.*

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#### **NEW AREAS OF LICENSURE**

##### **Dyslexia K-12**

To add a licensure content area of Dyslexia to an Arkansas teaching license, a person will successfully complete an ADE-approved higher education program for a licensure endorsement in Dyslexia and the state-approved assessment.

[http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/HR\\_and\\_Educator\\_Effectiveness/HR\\_Educator\\_Licensure/Dyslexia\\_Licensure-26267.pdf](http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/HR_and_Educator_Effectiveness/HR_Educator_Licensure/Dyslexia_Licensure-26267.pdf)

##### **Computer Science 4-12**

Act 187 requires each public high school and public charter school to offer a course in computer science. It is now available as an endorsement to a current license by testing out. The next testing windows are April 4-16, 2016 and July 4 – 16, 2016. More information about Computer Science in Arkansas can be found <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/computer-science>

##### **Special Education Resource K-6, 7-12**

This endorsement is for licensed teachers in K-6 or ELA, Science, or Math (4-8 or 7-12). The program includes a minimum of the Special Ed 101 academy plus nine additional credit hours. The candidate must also document passing scores on the approved content assessment. The Praxis Special Education:

Core Knowledge and Applications (5354) was adopted with a cut score of 151 for this licensure area. Programs listed below have been recently approved and will be implemented in the summer of 2016.

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Delivery Type</b>
Harding	Graduate	Online
Henderson State University	Graduate	Online
Henderson State University	Undergraduate	Face to Face
John Brown University	Graduate	75% Online
UA Fayetteville	Graduate	Online
UA Fort Smith	Undergraduate	Face to Face
UA Monticello	Graduate	Online

**CERTIFIED TEACHER ASSISTANT**

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) and the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) have worked collaboratively to develop a career pathway to the educator workforce. The proposed pathway begins with career-focused education in high school. Upon completion of high school career coursework and passing the ETS ParaPro Assessment, participating students will receive an industry recognized certification as a Certified Teacher Assistant (CTA).

For more information visit

[http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/HR\\_and\\_Educator\\_Effectiveness/CTAssistnat/CTA\\_Brochure-71119.pdf](http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/HR_and_Educator_Effectiveness/CTAssistnat/CTA_Brochure-71119.pdf)

**Praxis – Test Changes**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Current Version</b>	<b>New Version</b>	<b>Passing Score</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
English for Speakers of Other Languages	5361	5362	155	9/1/2016
*Early Childhood (P-4)	5022	5025	156	9/1/2016

\*The Early Childhood exam is for those candidates matriculating through an educator preparation program. These programs are for first time licensure only. You may not add this area to an existing license.

The Praxis website is the most up to date source for IHEs and candidates to ensure the correct tests are being used. <http://www.ets.org/praxis/ar/requirements>

### **Commissioner's Memos**

The ADE issues regulatory guidance and informational notifications to school districts in the form of a "Commissioner's Memo." These memos are posted online as soon as they are approved for release. They are posted [here](#). You can also subscribe at this site to receive Commissioner's Memo updates. Recent commissioner memos issued for Licensure include:

<a href="#">LIC-16-043 Licensure Test for Early Childhood (P-4) First-Time License</a>
<a href="#">LIC-16-042 Licensure Test for English as a Second Language First-Time License</a>
<a href="#">LIC-16-040 New Teacher Preparation Programs for Special Education Licensure</a>
<a href="#">LIC-16-037 2016-2017 Critical Academic Shortage Areas</a>
<a href="#">LIC-16-034 Licensure Test for New Special Education: Resource Endorsement</a>
<a href="#">LIC-16-033 Licensure Test for Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K) First-Time License</a>
<a href="#">LIC-16-035 Pedagogical Assessment for Educator Licensure</a>
<a href="#">LIC-16-031 Updating your AELS profile</a>
<a href="#">LIC-16-029 School Leadership Series Assessment Fee Reimbursement Update</a>