

# Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL)

APPEL, formerly known as ADE Non-Traditional Licensure, is an alternative route to teacher licensure administered by the Arkansas Department of Education. Enrollment in this program allows a candidate with a bachelor's degree or higher to be employed as a classroom teacher while completing the necessary requirements for a Standard Arkansas Teaching License.

**The program is a two-year preparation track that includes:**

- *Appropriate employment as a classroom teacher*
- *Assessments*
- *Evaluation and feedback via the state's teacher evaluation model*
- *Face to face and online Instructional Modules*
- *Mentoring for the duration of time in the program*
- *On-the-job professional learning*
- *Culminating submission to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*

Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree or higher and must have passed the state mandated assessments.

Each APPEL participant (as Teacher of Record in a classroom) is also assigned a certified mentor who provides support and focused feedback to improve teacher quality. APPEL participants are mentored for the duration of their time in the program.

Upon successful completion of the program, participants receive a Standard Arkansas teaching license.

Further information can be found on the following ADE webpage: <http://bit.ly/1bpX6Pv>.

