



The Alternative Pathways to Teacher Certification Program utilizing the Teaching Intern Certificate is designed to help ensure all Arizona students have access to highly qualified teachers. The Teaching Intern Program focuses on recruiting mid-career changers, retired professionals, or recent college graduates interested in becoming a certified teacher in Arizona. The Teaching Intern Certificate holder may teach in a Structured English Immersion (SEI) classroom or in any subject area in which the holder has passed the appropriate Arizona Educator Exam. See [this page](#) for more details on the exams.

The program requires that interested individuals have a minimum of a bachelor's degree. Once the requirements have been met, candidates can be issued a Teaching Intern Certificate. See requirement details at: [checklist](#)

Upon receiving a Teaching Intern Certificate the person should have a teaching contract, which ensures no loss of income for participants. Support is received from a district/school administrator and a college/university supervisor.

The Intern Teaching Certificate is a one year certificate that may be extended for a second consecutive year if all requirements are met. The Professional Knowledge (PK) exam must be passed before the end of the second year of the Teaching Intern Certificate. Upon completion of all Teaching Intern requirements, candidates shall be eligible to apply for a Provisional Teaching Certificate with an Institutional Recommendation.

Certified teachers interested in obtaining special education certification can participate in the teaching intern program. The program requires teachers to pass the Special Education: Cross Categorical exam, in addition to the Elementary subject knowledge test. Upon receiving a Special Education Cross Category Teaching Intern Certificate a teacher can seek a special education teaching position.

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