

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
**DRAMATIC ARTS, PREK-12 ENDORSEMENT**

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

➤ **Dramatic Arts/Theater, PreK-12 Endorsement**

*The endorsement shall be automatically renewed with the certificate on which it is posted.*

**Requirements for the Dramatic Arts/Theater, PreK-12 endorsement are:**

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#).
2. Appropriate fee (see *Application for Certification*).
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (**IVP**) fingerprint card. For more information, visit <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/fingerprint-clearance-card-ivp/>.
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary or Special Education certificate.
5. Option A or B.

**A. Coursework and Subject Knowledge. (All requirements A-1 through A-3 must be met.):**

A-1. One course in the methods of teaching Dramatic Arts at the elementary level.

A-2. One course in the methods of teaching Dramatic Arts at the secondary level.

A-3. Subject Knowledge Competency. **One of the following:**

- **Coursework:** A minimum of 30 semester hours of courses in Dramatic Arts/Theater, which may include the required methods of teaching the subject courses.
- **Exam:** A passing score on the NES/AEPA Subject Knowledge Theater exam.
- **Out-of-State Exam:** A passing score on a substantially similar Subject Knowledge Dramatic Arts/Theater examination from another state or agency. Submit the original score report at time of application.
- **NBCT:** A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a copy of the certificate.
- **Degree in Dramatic Arts:** A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate degree from an accredited institution in Dramatic Arts or Theater. Official transcript(s) required.
- **Teaching Experience:** Three (3) years of full-time teaching experience in any state, including Arizona, in dramatic arts/theater, grades PreK-12. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed and completed by the district superintendent or personnel director to verify teaching experience. *Note: Teaching experience in a foreign country will not be accepted.*
- **Post-Secondary Teaching:** Experience teaching courses relevant to Dramatic Arts/Theater for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at least three years, at one or more regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary institutions. Submit a verification letter from a department chair, dean, or personnel director, verifying employment for the specific durations from one or more qualifying postsecondary institutions.
- **Work Experience:** Demonstration of expertise in Dramatic arts/Theater through five years of relevant work experience. Submit verification of relevant work experience completed and signed by a supervisor or HR representative.

**B. Out-of-State Certificate or Endorsement:**

The applicant holds a valid, comparable Dramatic Arts, PreK-12 certificate or endorsement from another state and is in good standing with that other state. Submit a photocopy of your out-of-state certificate or endorsement.