



Requirements for the Dramatic Arts/Theatre, PreK-12 Endorsement

Arizona Department of Education – Certification Unit

Endorsement Information:

This Endorsement authorizes the holder to teach Dramatic Arts/Theatre in PreK-12. The endorsement shall be automatically renewed with the certificate on which it is posted.

Administrative Requirement Checklist:

The following items are required by the Certification Unit to complete a Substantive review. The Administrative requirements must be submitted as described; if not, the processing of your application could be delayed. Application fees are non-refundable.

- Application & Fee:** Complete the [Application for Certification](#) and submit it with the appropriate fee.
- IVP Fingerprint Card:** Submit a photocopy of your valid [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) Identity Verified Prints (IVP) fingerprint card, (not the paper copy), with your application.
- Prerequisite Certificate:** A valid Arizona Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary or Special Education Certificate.

--One of the following:

- Official Transcripts:** Request that your university/college submit official transcripts documenting the required coursework directly to certification@azed.gov, or by mail to Arizona Department of Education –Certification Unit, P.O. Box 6490, Phoenix, AZ 85005.
 - *Note:* Transcripts submitted by the applicant via the online portal or by email are not considered official. If you completed coursework or degree(s) from an institution outside the United States, a course-by-course evaluation from a Department-approved agency is required. Please see the [Foreign Credential Evaluation Agencies Information](#) for instructions.

-AND-

- Subject Knowledge Proficiency:** Submit a copy of your passing AEPA/NEA exam results or appropriate documentation that you meet the subject knowledge requirement. (See Substantive Requirements).

-OR-

Option B:

- Out-of-State Certificate/License:** Submit a photocopy of your out-of-state certificate/license with your application.

Substantive Requirements

1. **Valid Certificate:** An Arizona Elementary, Middle Grade, Secondary, or Special Education certificate.
2. **Option A or B:** One of the following:

Option A: Coursework and Subject Knowledge Proficiency

- **Coursework:**
 - One course in the methods of teaching Dramatic Arts/Theatre at the elementary level.
 - One course in the methods of teaching Dramatic Arts/Theatre at the secondary level.

-AND-

- **Subject Knowledge Proficiency.** One of the following is required.
 - **Coursework:** Official transcripts documenting minimum of 30 semester hours of courses in Dramatic Arts/Theatre, which may include the required methods of teaching the Dramatic Arts/Theatre.
 - **Arizona Educator Exam:** A passing score on the [AEPA](#) Subject Knowledge: Theater exam.
 - **Out-of-State Exam:** A passing score on a substantially similar Subject Knowledge Dramatic Arts/Theatre examination from another state or agency. The [Verification of Out-of-State Exams](#) was completed and submitted to Certification@azed.gov by the state agency that accepted the exam. If you passed substantially similar Praxis exam, submit a copy of the score report and request that scores be reported by



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- **NBPTS:** A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a copy of the certificate.
- **Degree:** A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate degree from an accredited institution in Dramatic Arts/Theatre. Official transcript(s) required.
- **Teaching Experience:** Three (3) years of full-time teaching experience in any state, including Arizona, in Dramatic Arts/Theatre, grades PreK through 12. Please forward the [Verification of PreK-12 Teaching Experience](#) form to your district/charter school HR. This form must be submitted directly by the HR office to the ADE Certification Unit.
- **Post-Secondary Teaching:** Experience teaching courses relevant to Dramatic Arts/Theatre for the last two consecutive years, and 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/Theatre through five years of relevant work experience. Submit one of the following:
 - A letter, on official letterhead, from a superintendent or personnel director verifying that the applicant demonstrates knowledge or skill in the subject area that is comparable to holding a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctoral degree in Dramatic Arts/Theatre through five years of work experience, as identified in a resume; or
 - A letter, on official letterhead, from a public or private school superintendent or personnel director in this state or another state, verifying that the applicant has five years of experience teaching the most advanced Arizona academic standards, or comparable out-of-state standards, in Dramatic Arts/Theatre; or
 - If an applicant is unable to obtain a letter from a superintendent or personnel director described above, the applicant may submit a letter (on official company letterhead) from a current or former supervisor detailing their work experience. The Department will review the letter to determine if the applicant has five years of work experience that demonstrates knowledge and skills in Dramatic Arts/Theatre that is comparable to holding a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctoral degree in that subject area.

Option B: Out-of-State Certificate or Endorsement

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

Pursuant to section 41-1093.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, an agency shall limit all occupational regulations to regulations that are demonstrated to be necessary to specifically fulfill a public health, safety, or welfare concern. Pursuant to sections 41-1093.02 and 41-1093.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, you have the right to petition this agency to repeal or modify the occupational regulation or bring an action in a court of general jurisdiction to challenge the occupational regulation and to ensure compliance with section 41-1093.01, Arizona Revised Statutes

12/16/2021 Requirements may be subject to change and are fully referenced in the Arizona Revised Statutes and Administrative Code. Page 2 of 2
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