

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
**SPECIALIZED SECONDARY STEM CERTIFICATE**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING  
OR MATHEMATICS (STEM)

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

➤ **Specialized Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) Education, 6-12 Certificate**

*This specialized certificate is valid for 12 years and may be renewed.*

**Requirements for the Specialized Secondary - STEM, 6-12 certificate 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. Demonstration of Expertise in a STEM subject through **one** of the following:
  - A. A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree and completion of twenty four semester hours of coursework in an academic subject that is specific to science, technology, engineering or mathematics from an accredited institution. Submit official transcripts documenting the required degree and coursework;
  - OR**
  - B. Verified teaching experience for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at least three years at one or more accredited postsecondary institutions in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Submit a letter of verification from a Department Chair, Dean, or Human Resources representative, verifying the required teaching experience and specifying the durations of employment.
5. Verification of at least five years of work experience in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Submit a letter of verification from a Supervisor or Human Resources representative to verify employment.