



Requirements for the Specialized Secondary STEM Certificate Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM), Grades – 6-12

Certificate Information:

This is a specialized certificate and authorized the holder to teach Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics in Grades 6-12 as indicated on the certificate. Additional approved areas outside of STEM or endorsements may not be added EXCEPT for the full SEI, full ESL, or full Bilingual endorsements. Teachers who already hold a valid Secondary teaching certificate or Career and Technical Education certificate in a STEM area do NOT need this certificate. This certificate is valid for 12 years and is renewable.

Administrative Requirement Checklist:

In order for our office to complete a review of your application the following 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 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.
- Official Transcripts:** Request that your university/college submit official transcripts documenting a Bachelor's degree or more advanced degree directly to certification@azed.gov, or by mail to Arizona Department of Education – Certification Unit, P.O. Box 6490, Phoenix, AZ 85005.
- Foreign Transcripts:** Request a course-by-course evaluation completed by an approved [Foreign Credential Evaluation Agency](#) to identify the equivalent degree in the United States, and submit them directly to certification@azed.gov.

Note: Transcripts submitted by the applicant via the online portal or by email are not considered official

Substantive Requirements

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.

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- 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 duration of employment.

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- A. Verification of at least five years of work experience in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Submit a letter of verification on official letterhead from a Supervisor or Human Resources representative to verify employment.

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