

REQUIREMENTS FOR
GIFTED EDUCATION, PREK-12 ENDORSEMENTS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

Provisional Gifted Education Endorsement

The Provisional endorsement is valid for 3 years.

Requirements for the Provisional Gifted Education 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 (plastic). 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 Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary or Special Education certificate.
5. Option A, B, or C:
 - A. Two (2) years of verified full-time teaching experience in which most students were gifted. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.
 - B. Ninety (90) clock hours of verified in-service training in gifted education. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
 - C. Official transcripts showing six (6) semester hours of courses in gifted education.

Full Gifted Education Endorsement

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

Requirements for the Gifted Education 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 (plastic). For more information visit <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/fingerprint-clearance-card-ivp/>
4. A valid Arizona Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary or Special Education certificate.
5. Option A or B.
 - A. **Coursework and Subject Knowledge. (All requirements A-1 through A-2 must be met.):**
 - A-1. Official transcripts showing completion of 9 semester hours of upper division or graduate level courses in an academic discipline such as science, mathematics, language arts, foreign language, social studies, psychology, fine arts, or computer science.
 - A-2. **TWO** from Options A, B, C, or D:

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- A. Three years of verified full-time teaching experience in gifted education as a teacher, resource teacher, specialist, or similar position verified by the district. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.
 - B. A minimum of 135 clock hours of verified in-service training in gifted education. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
 - C. Official Transcripts showing completion of 12 semester hours of courses in gifted education. District in-service programs in gifted education may be substituted for up to 6 semester hours of gifted education courses. 15 clock hours of in-service is equivalent to 1 semester hour. Practicum courses shall not be accepted towards this requirement. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
 - D. Completion of 6 semester hours of practicum or **two years** of verified full-time teaching experience in which most students were gifted. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.
- B. Out-of-State Certificate or Endorsement:**

B-1: The applicant holds a valid, comparable Gifted Education, 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.