

Certification Update

Special Education Endorsements



WHY?

- Address the shortage of qualified special education teachers
- Better serve Arizona's students with disabilities
- Provide a pathway for teachers certified in general education to join the ranks of special educators without having to complete an entire teacher preparation program

Mild/Moderate Endorsement Pathway

- A valid Standard Professional Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Moderate/Severe Disabilities certificate
- Verification of three years of full-time teaching in PreK- Grade 12
- Eighteen semester hours of special education courses
- A passing score on the National Evaluation Series (NES) Special Education exam

Courses- Mild/Moderate

- Methods for teaching reading and mathematics to students with disabilities
- Behavior management for students with disabilities
- Special education law
- Special education assessment
- Individualized education program planning
- Language development and disorders

Moderate/Severe Endorsement Pathway

- A valid Standard Professional Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Mild/Moderate Disabilities certificate
- Verification of three years of full-time teaching in PreK- Grade 12
- Twenty-one semester hours of special education courses
- A passing score on the AEPA Special Education: Severely and Profoundly Disabled exam

Courses- Moderate/Severe

- Methods for teaching reading and mathematics to students with disabilities
- Behavior management for students with disabilities
- Special education law
- Special education assessment
- Individualized education program planning
- Methods for teaching students with severe disabilities
- Language development and disorders, including adaptive communication

Questions

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