



Requirements for Standard Special Education Teaching Certificates and Full Endorsements

Credential Type	Standard Professional Teaching Certificate (12 years; renewable)	Classroom-Based Standard Teaching Certificate (12 years; renewable)	Full Special Education Endorsement (Same validity as the prerequisite certificate)
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor’s degree • Completion of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traditional EPP: A traditional special education preparation program with student teaching - Alternative EPP: An Arizona Board-approved alternative special education program - Teaching Experience + Coursework: Two years of full-time special education teaching and specified coursework - Reciprocity: A valid out-of-state certificate that is comparable to the Arizona Standard Professional special education certificate and is in good standing. Note: Applicants who qualify under reciprocity are exempt from all exam requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor’s degree • Completion of an Arizona Board-approved, classroom-based special education program • Meet applicable teaching experience and student achievement data requirements • Meet Professional Knowledge exam requirement • Meet Subject Knowledge exam requirement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid prerequisite Standard Professional Teaching Certificate • Three years of full-time teaching experience • Completion of specified special education courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe endorsements = 15 semester hours - Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Visually Impaired endorsements = 21 semester hours • Completion of required special education practicum hours (may be embedded in coursework) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe = 45



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet Professional Knowledge exam requirement Meet Subject Knowledge exam requirement¹ Braille proficiency is required for the Visually Impaired certificate.		clock hours - Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Visually Impaired = 90 clock hours Braille proficiency is required for the Visually Impaired endorsement. ASL learning experience is required for Deaf/Hard of Hearing endorsement.
Allowable Deficiencies (Required within three years of certificate issuance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AZ Constitution (course or exam) US Constitution (course or exam)² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arizona Constitution U.S. Constitution 	N/A

¹The Mild/Moderate Disabilities certificate does not have a subject knowledge exam requirement.

² Individuals who qualify for a Standard Professional special education certificate under the “Teaching Experience + Coursework” option may also have allowable deficiencies in research-based systematic phonics, reading interventions including for students with dyslexia, and ethics.

Requirements for Alternative Special Education Teaching Certificate, Student Teaching Intern Certificate, and Provisional Endorsements

Credential Type	Alternative Teaching (Issued for one year; may be extended for no more than two consecutive years)	Student Teaching Intern Certificate (Issued for one year; may be extended for one year)	Provisional Endorsement: Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Disabilities endorsements only (Valid for three years; nonrenewable)
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bachelor’s degree • Enrollment in an Arizona Board-approved special education teacher preparation program (IHE-based, alternative, or classroom-based program) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bachelor’s degree • Request for Issuance of the Student Teaching Intern Certificate from an Arizona Board-approved traditional special education program provider¹ and verification that the applicant meets the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale ○ Enrollment in the culminating student teaching capstone experience of the program • Request for Issuance of the Student Teaching Intern Certificate from a district/charter school superintendent • Meet the Professional Knowledge exam requirement • Meet the Subject Knowledge exam requirement (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid prerequisite Standard Professional Teaching Certificate • Three years of verified full-time teaching • Six semester hours of special education coursework to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Behavior management for students with disabilities and ○ Special education assessment and IEP planning • Fifteen (15) clock hours of practicum in the special education area (may be embedded in the special education coursework)

¹Program must also have an approved supervision plan for student teachers.