

Announcements from Professional Education Programs

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New Admission Requirements

Updated on PEP website: [Admission to Teacher Education Program: Checkpoint 1](#)

***Reminder:** Teacher candidates must submit the [Online Application for Admission](#) (Blackboard/Organizations, Admission to Teacher Education Program Information)

TESS Summative Evaluation Pilot

For the 2021-2022 academic year, EPPs across the state are using the TESS Summative Evaluation Rubric adopted by Arkansas DESE. It has been formalized as a state-approved exit assessment for candidate pedagogical knowledge in place of the existing requirement (i.e., ETS Principles of Teaching and Learning). Capstone interns **will not be required to take and pass the PLT** as long as they meet a minimum average score of 2.0 (Progressing).

NOTE: Candidates in **EVERY** program still have to complete the **3 edTPA Tasks** as part of their capstone portfolio (20%) that is uploaded and scored in LiveText because it is a key assessment for CAEP.

Licensure Assessment Changes

Licensure Content Area	Current Exam	New Version Praxis	New Cut Score	Start Date
Reading Specialist	5301	5302	160	9/01/2021
Science of Reading	Pearson 090	Pearson 190	233	8/23/2021
Journalism	NA	5224	147	7/08/2021
Instrumental Music (K-12)	NA	5115	145	9/01/2021
Vocal Music (K-12)	NA	5116	147	9/01/2021

Foundations of Reading (FoR) Test Resources

A [study guide](#) for the Foundations of Reading Test (SA190) is available on the Arkansas FoR test resources page. A [full practice test](#) is available on the FoR (SA190) page.

Licensure Assessment Ready News – Andy Sullivan

DESE is sponsoring Praxis tutoring sessions for 12 of the low pass rate and/or high volume tests: Art (5134); Chemistry (5245); ELED: Social Studies (5004); ELED: Science (5005); Mathematics (5161); MLED: Language Arts (5047); MLED: Mathematics (5169); MLED: Science (5442); MLED: Social Studies (5089); Physics (5265); Social Studies (5086) and Foundations of Reading (SA190).

All sessions are free, virtual, and facilitated by currently licensed Arkansas practitioners. The most current information can be found on the [Licensure Assessment Ready website](#)

Higher Education Program Revisions for 2021-2022

[Arkansas competencies](#) for many licensure areas have been updated in response to changes to national standards and licensure assessments. The following areas need to submit Program Revisions by **February 1, 2022**: Age 3-4 Endorsement, Middle School Social Studies (4-8), Agriculture (7-12), Math (7-12), PE/Health (K-12), Life Science-Biology (7-12), Gifted & Talented (K-12), and Guidance & School Counseling (K-12).

Detailed information available is on the [Arkansas DESE website](#). The contact is Ann Crosser, Program Advisor, ann.crosser@ade.arkansas.gov.

DACA Law (Act 746) removes barriers for any immigrant with a work permit to receive professional licensure in Arkansas.