

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Agriculture Education**  
**Grades 4-8 and 7-12 (areas 218 & 219)**  
**Additional Licensure Plan,**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School districts seeking to employ teachers to teach out of field (not in the field in which the teacher is currently licensed) will use the Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) to meet that need. School districts may use the ALP process to address unusual emergency situations when licensed teachers are asked to teach in areas/levels for which they are not licensed. School districts may not exceed the three-year limit without possible penalty.

**Eligibility Guidelines.** Teachers must meet the following conditions:

- possess an initial or standard Arkansas teaching license,
- seek to add this area of licensure or endorsement, and
- be assigned to teach in this area rather than the one for which they are currently licensed.

**Agriculture 4-8 and/or 7-12 will be added to the credential when all licensure requirements are successfully completed and application is submitted. If “testing out”, the test score(s) must be attached.**

**Teachers assigned to teach Agriculture 4-8 and/or 7-12 who are not currently licensed in a core content area at the same grade level, must complete an approved performance-based program of study and pass the required assessment for the new licensure area. The application, when submitted, must bear the signature of the university’s Licensure Officer verifying completion of the program of study. The passing Praxis score report and official transcript must be attached.**

**Required Assessments:**

**Praxis II: Agriculture, test #0700**

**Minimum score required: 510**

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from [www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html](http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html). Any teacher wishing to take any Praxis assessment is strongly encouraged to obtain these study materials.

**The following background is strongly recommended before attempting the Praxis testing:**

**Recommended Content Background:**

- ✓ Social and historical perspectives of agriculture education,
- ✓ Plant and soil science,
- ✓ Animal science,
- ✓ Agriculture mechanization and technology,
- ✓ Agriculture business and economics,
- ✓ Natural resources and environment,
- ✓ Program planning and management of agriculture education programs.

**Recommended Experience Background:**

- ✓ Study of the effect of economic/political decision of agriculture.
- ✓ Study of basic plant taxonomy: plant parts and functions.
- ✓ Study of crop production and management.
- ✓ Study of general animal science relating to breeding characteristics of beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, horses, poultry, etc.
- ✓ Experience with power machinery and equipment, including maintenance and repair.
- ✓ Experience with agriculture sales and marketing, such as future, grading and inspection.
- ✓ Study of forestry, fish and wildlife ecology.

**Employing School District Guidelines:**

- The employing school district will document the need to assign a teacher out of field because an appropriately credentialed teacher is not available.
- The employing school district superintendent shall submit a waiver request and completed ALP form to the ADE Office of Professional Licensure *within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment.* Thus documenting the above statement.
- The employing school district understands that a teacher working under this ALP shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing the Addition of Areas of Licensure or Endorsement) each year that the teacher is employed in the out-of-area assignment.
- The employing school district understands that the teacher will have no more than three calendar years from the first date he/she was employed in the out-of-area assignment by any district to meet full licensure requirements for the additional licensure or endorsement being sought. A waiver request must be submitted each year the teacher is employed out-of-area.

**School District Assurances:**

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher ALP Guidelines:**

Teachers shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing the Addition of Areas of Licensure or Endorsement) each year that the teacher is employed in the out-of-area assignment. The teacher will have no more than three calendar years from the first date he/she was employed in the out-of-area assignment by any district to meet full licensure requirements for the additional license or endorsement being sought.

Signature of teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.#: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**

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