

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
School Counseling Endorsement
Grades P-8 and 7-12 (areas 299, 300)
Additional Licensure Plan

Name: _____ S.S.#: _____

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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.

THIS AREA CANNOT BE ADDED BY TESTING ONLY.

Eligibility Guidelines: Teachers must meet the following conditions:

- possess an initial or standard 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.

Teachers assigned to work in this endorsement area must complete a Master's Degree in School Counseling. They must also pass the required assessment(s) for the new licensure area. The additional area of licensure will be added to the credential when all licensure requirements are successfully completed and application is submitted with recommendation from the university's Licensure Officer. Test score and official transcript must be attached.

Required Assessments

- **Praxis II: School Guidance and Counseling, test #0420**
Minimum score required: 600

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html. Any teacher registering 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

- ✓ Knowledge of practices of counseling and guidance,
- ✓ Knowledge of consulting practices,
- ✓ Coordinating,
- ✓ Professional guidance and counseling issues.

Recommended Experience Background

- ✓ Experience with dyadic counseling, including small group.
- ✓ Practice with providing indirect services to P-12 students, including consultation with school staff, families, and community agencies on such matters as interpersonal relations, human development, curriculum, and school climate.
- ✓ Experience with legal and ethical considerations that govern counseling functions in public schools.
- ✓ Practice the management and organization of program evaluation.

Employing School District Guidelines

- The employing district will document the need to assign a teacher out of field because an appropriately credentialed teacher is not available..
- The employing district will sign and file this ALP form with the ADE Office of Professional Licensure *within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment*, thus documenting the above statement.
- The employing 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 teacher will have no more than three calendar years from the date of filing with the ADE to meet full licensure requirements for the additional licensure or endorsement being sought.

School District Assurances

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

School District authority: _____ 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 date of filing with the ADE to meet full licensure requirements for the additional license or endorsement being sought.

Applicant's signature: _____ S.S.# _____ Date: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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