

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Family and Consumer Science
Grades 4-8 and 7-12
(areas 214, 215)
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 in 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 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.

Family and Consumer Science 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 must be attached.

Teachers assigned to teach Family and Consumer Science 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 as defined by an Arkansas university and pass the required assessment(s) for the new licensure area. The application, when submitted, must bear the signature of the university’s Licensure Officer verifying completion of their program. The test score and transcript must be attached.

Required Assessments:

Praxis II: Family and Consumer Science, test #0121

Minimum score required: 153

Effective Sept. 1, 2008

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from

www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html. or through the ADE Office of Professional Licensure. **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:

- ✓ Study of the family, Human development,
- ✓ Management, Consumer economic,
- ✓ Nutrition and food, Clothing and textiles,
- ✓ Housing, Professional concerns of family and consumer science professionals.

Recommended Experience Background:

- ✓ Experience with methods to teach family and consumer science.
- ✓ Study of the family structure.
- ✓ Study of consumer economics, including consumer rights and societal influences on consumer decisions.
- ✓ Study of factors that influence nutritional needs: e.g., gender, age, activity, and related health problems, such as bulimia, diabetes, etc.
- ✓ Study of nutritional guidelines.
- ✓ Study of types and characteristic of fibers, production and properties of fabrics.

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 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 district understands that a 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.

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

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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