

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: _____

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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 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.

The additional area of licensure 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 in a field that is out of their current level of licensure, or in an exception area, 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 #0120
required: 560

Minimum score

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 authority 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 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 must meet full licensure requirements for the additional license or endorsement being sought within three years of beginning the ALP.

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

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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