

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Life/Earth Science, grades 7-12
Additional Licensure Plan
(area 170)

Name: _____ S.S.#: _____

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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 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(s) 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 the program of study. The test score(s) and transcript must be attached.

Required assessments:

- **Praxis II: Biology: Content Knowledge, test #0235**
Minimum score required: 142
- **Praxis II: Earth Science, test #0571**
Minimum score required: 145
- **Praxis II: Life Science: Pedagogy, test # 0234**
Minimum score required: 146

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

- ✓ Basic principles of science, including molecular and cellular biology,
- ✓ Classic genetics, evolution, diversity of life, plants, and animals,
- ✓ Ecology, science, technology and society,
- ✓ Tectonics, the rock cycle, and history of the earth & its inhabitants,
- ✓ The water cycle and the earth in space.

Recommended Experience background:

- ✓ Demonstrated ability to write in essay format regarding a life science lesson learning objectives and instructional strategies, describing assessment methods/
- ✓ Developed proficiency with mathematics, measurement, and data manipulation, using tables, graphs, charts, and error analysis.
- ✓ Demonstrated understanding of the chemical basis of life, cell structure and function, and molecular genetics.
- ✓ Developed understanding of the diversity of life, plants, and animals, including the evolution process, reproduction, and behavior

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 file this ALP form with the ADE Office of Professional Licensure **within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment.**
- 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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