

Share Your Knowledge And Experience

With a Professional Teaching Permit, you will have the opportunity to spark the minds of high school students in your community. The Arkansas Department of Education has developed this new program to enable working professionals to teach — and get paid for — up to two class periods a day in content areas related to their fields of employment. This opportunity is for classes offered in the ninth- through twelfth-grades.

Students will benefit from learning how their studies relate to “real world” jobs, and you will have the opportunity to mentor young people as they discover their lifelong goals.

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Arkansas Professional Teaching Permit

Bringing Your World
to the
Classroom

*Because you could be the spark
for a student's
academic success.*

You can teach! You can make a difference!

The Arkansas Department of Education's Office of Teacher Quality has developed a program that allows working professionals like you to use your expertise to teach a couple of classes a semester in a subject area related to your field — all the while maintaining your own career.

And everyone benefits! You will be paid to bring your knowledge to the classroom, have the opportunity to inspire young people and experience a new career. School districts benefit from having a professional filling a needed niche, and students will gain from your real-world expertise.

The Arkansas Department of Education recognizes that each local community has a resource of degreed professionals who possess valuable experience. For instance, what a great match for the local pharmacist to teach chemistry or a local artist to teach art.

If you are a degreed professional and would like to share your knowledge and experience with students in grades nine through twelve, this program could provide the perfect opportunity for you to make a difference.



Qualifications

To receive a Professional Teaching Permit the following qualifications must be met:

1. Have a bachelor's degree with a minimum three years of working experience in the content area of the class to be taught.
2. Must be currently employed in a content field related to the class to be taught.
3. Be offered employment to teach one or no more than two regularly scheduled, for-credit courses in an Arkansas public school.
4. Complete the Professional Teaching Permit application.
5. Pass the appropriate Praxis II Content Knowledge test.
6. Pass a non-criminal background check.
7. Successfully complete a forty-hour Professional Teaching Permit pedagogy training within the first year of teaching.

Application Process

Go to www.teacharkansas.org and click on Non-Traditional Licensure. Then click on Professional Teaching Permit. The application is available to be printed.

Send the completed application with the following documents to:

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1. Original transcript from accredited college or university showing degree conferred.
2. Original test score report for the Praxis II content test(s).
3. Non-criminal background check documentation.
4. One letter of justification per application.
5. Two letters of recommendation from professionals in your field.