

Obtaining Your Teacher Certification in Arizona - Alternative Pathways

General order of operations and [requirements for obtaining a certification](#):

1. Enroll in a teacher certification program.
2. Apply for an Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (IVP) fingerprint clearance card. For further information, visit <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/fingerprint-clearance-card-ivp/>
3. Secure employment with a school district or charter school.
4. Request an enrollment verification letter from your credentialing program.
5. Apply to the Arizona Department of Education for an Alternative Teaching Certificate, valid for two years. This certificate authorizes you to be placed in a teaching position while completing the requirements for the Arizona Standard Professional Teaching Certificate.

Highlighted Programs:

Program name	Contact person & info	Approximate time to complete	Approximate cost	Programs offered	Other notes and highlights
American Board for the Certification of Teacher Excellence	Monsur Ahmed 866-445-5258	1 year	\$1,600 - \$1,900	All teaching subjects except for early childhood education and special education.	Lower cost provider
Arizona Teachers of Tomorrow	Blake Warren 888-850-7740	243 clock hours prior to teaching, 1 internship year while teaching	\$4,250	Elementary Education Secondary Education	Lower cost provider
Rio Salado College	General Info (480) 517-8140	2 years	\$4,800 - \$6,-000	Arts Dance Dramatic Arts Early Childhood Elementary Education Music Secondary Education Special Education	Lower cost provider
Pima Community College	Mireya Reyes Tedeo 520-206-5144	43 - 46 credit hours	\$6,600	Elementary Education Secondary Education Special Education (Mild-Moderate Disabilities)	Lower cost provider

Prescott College	Bobbie Davidson 928-350-1002	1 - 2 years	\$7,500	Early Childhood Education Early Childhood Special Education Elementary Education Special Education	Lower cost provider
Arizona State University	Kristi Bade 480-965-9995	50 credit hours, but depends on program	\$13,000 - \$25,000	Elementary Education Secondary Education Special Education	Leads to certification and Master's degree

For a full list of approved programs, [click here](#). None of the programs listed above are endorsed by OneTeacher. Rather, we're hoping to provide a highlighted list of programs that represent a variety of price points and programs. Prior to enrolling in a program, please refer to the Arizona Department of Education website to ensure that the program is approved.