



The Additional Teaching Field Approach

This certification approach is for individuals seeking an additional Alabama Certification Based on a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in a Teaching Field and a Passing Score on a Praxis Subject Assessments(s). ***This is not an application***; this document provides general information and outlines requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Individuals who hold a **valid** Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field and obtain a passing score on the appropriate Praxis subject assessments(s) of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP) that is in effect on the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) may add selected teaching fields to their existing certificate through the Additional Teaching Field Approach.
 - a. This approach is not available to an individual who holds only a Provisional Certificate, Interim Employment Certificate, Business and Industry to Educational Administrator Certificate, Conditional Certificate in a Teaching Field, Higher Education Transitional Certificate, Career and Technical (Level, Type, Specialty Area, Degree Equivalent, and/or Temporary) Certificate, Speech-Language Pathology (Assistant, Temporary, and/or Professional Educator) Certificate, Dyslexia Therapist Endorsement, Child Nutrition Program Director Certificate, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Certificate, Early Childhood Development Certificate, Emergency Certificate, Substitute License, Adjunct Instructor Permit or Computer Science Permit. Any other alternate or non-professional certificate developed, will not be considered for this approach.
 - b. The following are not teaching fields: instructional leadership, areas of educational administration and supervision, school counseling, school library-media specialist, school psychometry, school psychology, and sport management.
 - c. *The teaching field of **early childhood education P-3** is **only** available to individuals who hold a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in **one** of the following teaching fields: pre-kindergarten birth-age 4, elementary education K-6 or K-9, special education pre-kindergarten birth-age 5, early childhood special education P-3, collaborative special education teacher K-6, elementary multiple abilities K-6, early childhood multiple abilities P-3, or any area of special education P-12 (excluding gifted).
Note: The teaching field of **early childhood education** is the **ONLY** field that can be requested through this approach if the pre-kindergarten birth-age 4 or/and the special education pre-kindergarten birth-age 5 certificate(s) is the only valid certificate(s) held.
 - d. *The teaching field of **elementary education K-6** is **only** available to individuals who hold a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in **one** of the following teaching fields: early childhood education P-3, early childhood special education P-3, collaborative special education teacher K-6, elementary multiple abilities K-6, early childhood multiple abilities P-3, or any area of special education P-12 (excluding gifted).
 - e. **The teaching field of **early childhood special education P-3** is only available to individuals who hold a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in **one** of the following teaching fields: collaborative special education teacher K-6, elementary multiple abilities K-6, early childhood multiple abilities P-3.
 - f. ***The teaching fields of **collaborative special education teacher K-6** and **collaborative special education teacher 6-12** are **only** available to individuals who hold a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in **one** of the following teaching fields: early childhood special education P-3, collaborative special education teacher K-6, collaborative special education teacher 6-12, elementary multiple abilities K-6, early childhood multiple abilities P-3, or any area of special education P-12 (excluding gifted).
2. Alabama's passing score on the Alabama-prescribed Praxis Subject Assessments of the AECAP for the teaching field(s) sought in effect on the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE is required. See **TEST INFORMATION** for additional information.
3. The certificate issued through this approach will be a Class B (bachelor's degree level) certificate.

AVAILABLE TEACHING FIELDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriscience Education 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Biology 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Marketing Education 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Career Technologies 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative Special Education Teacher K-6**** <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative Special Education Teacher 6-12**** <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education P-3* <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Special Education P-3** <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Education K-6* <input type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts 4-8	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Family and Consumer Sciences Education 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> French 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> French P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> General Science 4-8 <input type="checkbox"/> General Science 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> General Social Science 4-8 <input type="checkbox"/> General Social Science 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geography 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> German 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> German P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Health Education 6-12	<input type="checkbox"/> History 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Latin 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Latin P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics 4-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Music, Choral P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Music, Instrumental P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre P-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts P-12
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TEST INFORMATION

- Information about the Alabama-prescribed Praxis subject assessments(s) of the AECAP for each teaching field may be obtained at [Praxis - State Requirement for Licensure](#) (click *Other Certification Approaches (Learn More)* ☞ *Additional Teaching Field/Certification Based on Test (CBT) Approach (Learn More)*).
- ONLY Alabama-prescribed Praxis Subject Assessments (content knowledge) are accepted.** Praxis Subject Assessments (content knowledge) that are not prescribed for use in Alabama will not be reported to the ALSDE by Educational Testing Services (ETS). **For Alabama-prescribed tests taken outside Alabama, the code 7020 is used to designate the Alabama State Department of Education as a recipient of official score reports. Please check testing website as tests changes do occur.**
- PAPER SCORE REPORTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Only official Praxis score reports, electronically submitted with the applicant's complete social security number directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS) to the ALSDE, will be accepted. Failure to provide the complete and correct Social Security number to ETS will delay the certification process.
- The testing requirements must be met prior to application submission.** If these requirements are not met on the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section of the ALSDE, the application will be closed, and the individual will be required to reapply with the submission of another application and fee. Individuals who reapply must meet testing requirements in effect on the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

REQUIREMENTS

	A \$38.00 nonrefundable application fee. Each additional certificate for which an applicant is determined to be eligible will require a \$38 nonrefundable fee for issuance. A transaction fee will be applied.
	<p>Background clearance based on a fingerprint review for applicants seeking initial certification, additional certification, or certificate renewal to teach in Alabama. You can check the status of your background checks and confirm whether you meet the state's suitability requirements for teaching at Certification Search.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Applicants who have not been cleared by both agencies through the Educator Certification Section of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), you will need to undergo fingerprinting for a criminal history background check. Details on how to complete the background review process can be found at Alabama Achieves - Teacher Certification. If you have any questions about our criminal history background check process, you can contact us at (334) 694-4557 or bgr@alsde.edu. Applicants may verify receipt of their criminal history results at the ALSDE by visiting Certification Search. If your results are not located, or you have questions about your status, please allow 10 business days from the date of fingerprint submission before making an inquiry.
	The appropriate valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field.
	For each teaching field sought, a passing score on the appropriate Alabama-prescribed Praxis Subject Assessment(s) taken and that is in effect on the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

Applicants are encouraged to read this document in its entirety to ensure requirements are met to apply. To apply through this approach, visit [Alabama Achieves - Teacher Certification](#) (click *Other Approaches: Certification Based on Test*) and follow provided instructions.