

**ONLINE EDUCATOR LICENSE APPLICATION CHECKLIST
FOR ARKANSAS TEACHER'S PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR MAT
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

Students enrolled in the **Master of Arts in Teaching** program may qualify for a provisional license provided that certain requirements are met.

Note: Before you can initiate the process for a Provisional License, you must have a job offer in the state of Arkansas. Do NOT begin this process until you have met all the requirements listed below.

To remain eligible for a provisional license, you must:

- Be continually enrolled and in good standing in the MAT program
- Maintain employment at the school for which the provisional license was issued
- Meet the requirements established by the Arkansas Department of Education

For Special Education MAT candidates only.

- Complete six (6) credit hours — *ELSE 5003 SpEd Academy 101* and an approved 3-credit hour special education course. Complete the appropriate content area assessments for special education (5354 Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications and 5511 Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge). Information regarding exams can be found at the following link: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ar/test-takers/plan-your-test/licensure/requirements.html>.

For Elementary Education MAT candidates only.

- Complete the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects test with a passing score on all four (4) subtests. Information regarding exams can be found at the following link: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ar/test-takers/plan-your-test/licensure/requirements.html>.

For Middle-Level Education MAT candidates only.

- Complete one (1) of the required content assessments in the content area for which the provisional license is requested. Information regarding exams can be found at the following link: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ar/test-takers/plan-your-test/licensure/requirements.html>.

For Art and BTECH MAT candidates only.

- Complete the required content assessment in the content area for which the provisional license is requested. Information regarding exams can be found at the following link: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ar/test-takers/plan-your-test/licensure/requirements.html>.

For questions about program requirements, contact your MAT program coordinator

MAT – K-6, Middle-Level, Art, and BTECH

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OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT

Ask the superintendent or designee to complete the **License Recommendation for Employment** form that states your employment as teacher of record, in the area(s) in which you are getting your license. **You will submit this to the PEP Office email to Mrs. Woolard at swoolard@astate.edu**

CENTRAL REGISTRY AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

A central registry and criminal background check must be completed. Dates must not be older than one year at the time of licensing. Please check clearance of central registry and criminal background checks from <https://aels.ade.arkansas.gov/AELS/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx>.

- Child Maltreatment Central Registry (\$10) must be notarized and can take at least 4 weeks or more to process
- ASP & FBI Background Check Consent Form/Fingerprinting Request (\$38.25) available using electronic fingerprinting at a Live Scan site

DO NOT BEGIN THIS PROCESS UNTIL ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLETE! PLEASE READ ENTIRE DOCUMENT BEFORE BEGINNING THIS PROCESS!

There is a \$75 fee for obtaining a **STANDARD LICENSE** in Arkansas. If you are applying for a **PROVISIONAL LICENSE** in Arkansas, there is no fee. When you apply for your Standard license after graduating and meeting all other requirements, you will pay the \$75 fee then.

APPLY ONLINE FOR A PROVISIONAL LICENSE

Log-on at <https://aels.ade.arkansas.gov/AELS/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx>

- Select *Apply for a Provisional License*
- Select *Provisional Non-Traditional MAT*
- Select *Arkansas State University*

Complete the information requested on the pages that follow.

Part 1 – Background Check Information

- **The system may skip this section if your background checks are current and approved.**
- If the system does not indicate your background checks are completed, mark **Yes** to indicate each is completed.
- Tick the box to indicate that you acknowledge that all coursework must be documented by providing original college transcripts.
- All official A-State transcripts must be requested and sent electronically from the Registrar's Office to the Arkansas Department of Education's Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (ADESE), **NOT** the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Please be sure you have no holds so that you are able to request a transcript. You will enter the email address for Arkansas Department of Education, ade.educatorlicensure@ade.arkansas.gov, to send it from A-State to ADESE. **If you did NOT receive your Bachelor's degree from A-State**, please send an official transcript with a Bachelor's degree awarded from an accredited institution from which the degree was received.
- Click *Continue*

Part 2 – Profile Information

- Review your profile information. Use the *Update* button if you need to make changes. Be sure to click *Save* if you make changes.
- In the *Contact* section, you must have a current mailing address and at least one primary email and one primary phone number. Please do not provide an email that you check often; not your A-State email account.
- Update your employment information if necessary.
- Tick the box to indicate all information is correct.
- Click *Continue*.

Part 3 – Application Information

- Complete the application information by accurately responding to the questions.
- Type your first and last name to serve as your electronic signature.
- Click **Submit**.

Part 4 – Fee Payment

- **The system will indicate that no fee is necessary for provisional license.**

NOTE: Your license application has been submitted when you see the message ***“Your license application has been successfully submitted.”***

After your application has been successfully submitted, your application will be reviewed and either approved or denied by Dr. Bowser. If approved, your application will move on to a licensure counselor at the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). If denied, you will receive an email stating why. You may be required to submit additional documentation. If denied, you will be required to start the online educator licensure application process again.

In addition to the process above, the following items **are required** to apply for a **provisional** teaching license:

Praxis Score Report

- Be sure when taking all Praxis exams to have scores submitted to Arkansas State University (Code 6011) and to the Arkansas Department of Education. You will not submit a paper copy of your score report unless requested to do so.

Professional Ethics

You must read and understand the [Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators](#). Then, complete all required ethics training listed on the [Ethics Training Verification Form](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Child Maltreatment Training** Course ID#: ERB21002 (2 hours)
- **Family and Community Engagement** Course ID# PIB22001 (2 hours)
- **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention** Course ID# HWB23001 (2 hours)
- **Bullying Prevention** Course ID# ERC20073 (2 hours)
- **Dyslexia** Course ID# HWG14003: (1 hour)
- **Human Trafficking Awareness** Course ID#ERB18063 (1 hour)
- **Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB) – Arkansas Code of Ethics Training Video** Course ID #: ERC 19048 (1 hour)

- **Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB) - Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators: Ethical Scenarios in Education (2020)** Course ID#: ERC20059 (1 hour)
- **Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB) - Social Media Guidelines** Course ID#: TCC14435 (3 hours)

Include a copy of the **Record of Learning** and the completed **Ethics Training Verification Form** (including candidate signature) from ADE as documentation of completion of the professional development required for initial licensure. **You will submit this to the PEP Office via email to Mrs. Woolard at swoolard@astate.edu**

Registration Process for ArkansasIDEAS

1. Go to <http://ideaslms.aetn.org/login/index.php>
2. To register, click, "**Create New Account**." You will be taken to the registration form.
3. Follow the quick start instructions from there, and you should be able to register and take courses.
4. After you complete your registration, it will take about 15 minutes for the system to process your information and create your course list. You may need to log out after registration and then log back in 15 minutes later to see the course listings.

For more information regarding creating an account or registering, see the LMS User Guide (<http://ideaslms.aetn.org/guides/>). The ArkansasIDEAS Help Desk staff is also available to assist you by phone or email. Feel free to call ArkansasIDEAS Help Desk at 1-800-488-6689 or email ideas@aetn.org if you have any questions, concerns, or need more information on receiving professional development.

You will submit 3 documents to Mrs. Woolard via email (swoolard@astate.edu):

- Provisional Licensure Recommendation Form
- Ethics Training Verification Form
- Record of Learning summary of required professional development

Please submit all documents in one email for efficient processing.

To check the status of your license, go to the Arkansas Department of Education's Licensure website (<https://aels.ade.arkansas.gov/AELS/>). If your Licensure Status has not changed from pending to approved, contact Mrs. Sara Woolard at swoolard@astate.edu or 870-972-2099.

When this process has been totally completed, you will be able to print your license from your Arkansas Department of Education AELS account and you may begin your career as a teacher.

- After completion of all remaining requirements, and degree conferral dates have been posted to transcripts, please return to AELS at the following link: <https://aels.ade.arkansas.gov/AELS/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx> and repeat the initial steps to apply for a Standard license.

Please use the contact information below if you have any questions regarding licensure:

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