

A.A.C. R7-2-614. Other Teaching Certificates

K. Student Teaching Intern Certificate – PreK-12. This subsection becomes effective on February 1, 2017 for placements beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

1. The student teaching intern certificate is optional and is not a requirement for participation in a student teaching capstone experience.

2. The certificate entitles the holder to perform teaching duties under the supervision of a program supervisor as defined in R7-2-604(14) and is only valid in the school district or charter school requesting the certificate.

3. The certificate is valid for one year from date of initial issuance and may be extended for one year at no cost to the applicant if the provisions in subsection (K)(4) are met.

4. The requirements are:

a. Verification of enrollment in the culminating student teaching capstone experience

of a Board approved educator preparation program (EPP) pursuant to R7-2-604.01,

b. Verification documenting completed coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent,

c. A passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment that corresponds to the teaching certificate the student teaching intern is pursuing,

d. A passing score on the subject knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment that corresponds to the teaching certificate the student teaching intern is pursuing,

e. A request for issuance of the student teaching intern certificate from the district superintendent or charter school superintendent and the EPP.

f. Verification from the educator preparation provider that a written supervision plan, approved by the Board, includes the following:

i. the educator preparation provider's roles and responsibilities for the Program Supervisor, and

ii. the onsite mentorship and induction provided by the Local Education Agency (LEA).

h. A valid fingerprint card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

5. Placement decisions of student teaching intern certificate holders shall only be based on collaborative agreements between the Board approved educator preparation provider and the LEA. Notwithstanding any other provision, a student teaching intern certificate holder may not teach in a special education classroom unless the certificate holder has a bachelor's degree.

6. The holder of the student teaching certificate may apply for an Arizona Teaching Certificate upon completion of the following:

a. Successful completion of a Board approved EPP.

b. The submission of an application, and all required documentation including an institutional recommendation, for the Arizona teaching certificate to the Department.