

Area of Interest: Education

Certificate: Post Baccalaureate Elementary Education

Teacher in Residence

College Catalog: 2026-2027



**Central
Arizona
College**

Program Location: All Campuses

Program Description: The Teacher in Residence (TIR) program provides students holding a baccalaureate degree in any content area to obtain an employment contract with a school district and of being the teacher of record in a kindergarten- grade eight general education classrooms. The student will work under the auspice of the CAC program supervisor and site-based school mentor teacher. The CAC student concurrently completes coursework for earning a standard teaching certificate with the Arizona Department of Education in a general education position kindergarten to grade eight. The post baccalaureate Teacher in Residence Program Elementary Education is approved by the Arizona Department of Education and utilizes the Alternative Teaching Certificate obtained through the Arizona Department of Education which provides approval for employment and teacher placement in a general education K-8 classroom. Students in the TIR program must provide proof of district employment as a contracted teacher, provide a current Identity Verified Print (IVP) fingerprint card and will work toward the appropriate AEPA/NES elementary education Subtests 1 & 2 and the AEPA/NES Professional Knowledge Exam for attaining a passing score. A passing score on these assessments must be obtained prior to entering the last phase of the program with the capstone of student teaching.

Students in the TIR program will earn credentials for the Structured English Immersion endorsement on their teaching certificate and be able to teach in an English Language Development (ELD) classroom.

Upon completion of the post baccalaureate program the CAC program supervisor will provide the candidate's name to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) with an Institutional Recommendation for obtaining Arizona state teacher certification. Institutional Recommendation does not automatically grant the candidate state teacher certification. The student must personally apply for teacher certification with ADE.

Prerequisites: Conferred bachelor's degree with official transcripts required to apply for this program. Program candidates must complete a program application and be approved for acceptance into the Post Baccalaureate Elementary Education Teacher in Residence Program by the elementary education department.

Recommended proficiencies: Completion of AEPA/NES exams prior to entering the program. All students must pass courses with 70% or higher or a grade of "C". An overall GPA of 3.0 or higher must be earned for Institutional Recommendation. Courses with a final grade of D or F must be retaken regardless of GPA.

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Area of Interest Website: [Education Central Arizona College \(centralaz.edu\)](http://EducationCentralArizonaCollege(centralaz.edu))

Legend

Bold Course=Required Course

Core Course (CC)

Emphasis Course (EC)

Semester 1- FALL START (Year 1)

		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	CC	EDU312 Instructional Methods for Teaching Elementary Social Studies	3		
	CC	EDU221PB Introduction to Education PB	2		
	CC	EDU228 Creating an Effective Learning Environment	3		
		Semester Credits:	8	Complete Elementary Education Subtest I and II	

Semester 2- SPRING

		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	EC	EDU370A Field Experience Teacher in Residence (TIR) Semester 1	2		Field Internship is completed within classroom placement
	CC	EDU311 Instructional Methods for Teaching Elementary Science	3		
		Semester Credits:	5	Meet with your Advisor every Semester!	

Semester 3: SUMMER					
		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	CC	EDU320A Structured Literacy A: The Science of Reading and Phonics	3		Fulfills part A of the K- Literacy Endorsement
	CC	EDU222 Introduction to Special Education	3		
		Semester Credits:	6	Meet with your Advisor every semester!	

Semester 4: FALL (Year 2)					
		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	EC	EDU370C Field Experience Teacher in Residence (TIR) Semester 2	2		Field Internship is completed within classroom placement
	CC	EDU302 Educational Psychology	3		
		Semester Credits:	5	Complete Professional Knowledge Exam	

Semester 5: SPRING					
		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	CC	EDU330 Math Methods used in Instructional Delivery	3		
	CC	EDU240 Structured English Immersion	3		
		Semester Credits:	6	Apply for Graduation by the priority deadline for Fall. *Submit passing scores for AEPA exams.	

Semester 6: SUMMER					
		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	EC	EDU360 Master Teacher Seminar	3		
	CC	EDU320B Structured Literacy B: Instruction, Assessment, Intervention, and Dyslexia	3		Fulfills part B of the K-5 Literacy Endorsement
		Semester Credits:	6	Complete the Foundations of Reading Exam.	

Semester 7: FALL (Year 3)					
		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	EC	EDU470A Student Teaching Teacher in Residence (TIR) Emphasis	8		Includes 12-weeks full-time in a K-8 classroom
	CC	POS220 U.S. and Arizona Constitutions	3		<i>Students may test out of POS220 through NES Testing Service and must show proof of passing score.</i>
		Semester Credits:	11	Meet with Advisor for Exit Interview.	
		Total Degree Credits:	47	Students must complete the program within 3 years.	

For 2026-2027 Arizona Resident Tuition, please visit [Paying for College](#). Financial aid may be available.

K-8 Teacher Certification					
*Candidates applying for K-8 teaching certification are required to demonstrate professional knowledge and subject knowledge proficiency through Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments. More information is available at: https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/testing-information - At the end of the first semester: Elementary Education Subtest I (NT102) and Subtest II (NT103) * - At the end of the second semester/summer session: Professional Knowledge Test (NT051) * - At the end of the third semester/summer session: Foundations of Reading Exam (SA190) *					

Career Information

CAC Career Center: centralaz.edu/career FREE CAC career resources and assistance.

Arizona Department of Education Website

O*NET OnLine: Visit onetonline.org and search for:

- Education needed for specific occupations
- Occupation tasks, knowledge, skills, and abilities
- Salary/wages for specific occupations (\$)

Note: Use this Program Map as a guide to track your progress from semester to semester as you complete course work for earning your Arizona teaching certificate through the Arizona Department of Education. Work with the program advisor(s) to ensure completion of each phase in the program.

Student Name:

Advisor Name:

Student ID Number: 880

Date: