



Financial Planning – Elementary Education - Fees & Funding

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Item	Cost	Specific Funding Supports
Fingerprint Clearance Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$67 to AZDPS • \$8.95 to fingerprinting agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPSC Promising Practice Grant
Transportation to/from school sites throughout program (4 semesters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies • The professional phase of the program requires 3-4 days per week of 8am-3pm coursework and fieldwork each semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSFA special circumstances appeals • Flowing Wells Immersion program is a paid opportunity to substitute teach on Fridays sems 2-3; details will be sent via email
Student Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$80 course fee • Full-time commitment; cannot work a day job during this semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may apply for emergency substitute certification in the school/district where you are doing your student teaching. Directions will be sent to you via the Office of Field Experiences. If you get this cert, you will be allowed to substitute for your cooperating teacher and be paid while student teaching. • You may apply for a Student Teaching Intern Certificate to be the teacher of record if invited by a school/school district, approved by a COE committee, with passing scores on all required exams.
Certificates During Student Teaching (OPTIONAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Substitute Certificate: \$60 • Student Teaching Intern Certificate (STIC): \$60 (for Elementary only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency sub cert candidates must have their form completed and signed by the district or charter school superintendent. Some districts may cover costs. • STIC candidates must apply through the Office of Field Experiences and be reviewed for possible selection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ATA will cover application cost. ○ Requires passing additional exams: Elementary Subsets I & II.
Certification Exams Certification Exams, cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Professional Knowledge - Elementary (NT051): \$145 • Bilingual endorsement – CHOOSE 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AZ Classroom Teacher Exam: \$100 ○ Spanish NES Exam (NT401): \$119 • K-5 Literacy endorsement: Foundations of Reading (SA190): \$139 • Middle grades (NT201-204), OPTIONAL: \$119 • Elementary Subsets I & II (NT 102-103) – for Pathways students, Student Teaching Intern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPSC Promising Practice Grant • NES Fee Waiver (only 1/year). Part of this form has to be completed by the Office of Financial Aid, so plan ahead. This process takes time. Do not register for the exam before you receive the waiver (no refunds). • First time Foundations of Reading exam – fee waiver • Arizona Teachers Academy (ATA) provides vouchers in advance of registering for exams. Depending on funding availability, students who expect to graduate within the next three semesters (including Summer) will be prioritized.

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	Certificates, and some school districts ask for it (check): \$85 each or \$165 combined	
Certification Exam Support Materials (OPTIONAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES practice test – built into price of exam, provided during registration at no extra cost • NES Right Start self-paced modular courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$35 for 30-day subscription ○ \$70 for 90-day subscription 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free materials are available on NES/AEPA exam webpages • AZ Classroom Teacher Exam includes free study materials and review sessions • SSS-TRiO provides free exam support for their students
Graduation Candidacy Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 if apply by deadline (Sept. 1 for Fall, Feb. 1 for Spring/Summer) • \$100 if apply after deadline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPSC Completion Grant
Teacher Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30 per certification and endorsement included on IR • \$60 per item not included on IR (e.g., middle grades approved area) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATA will cover items listed on IR • Request for Initial Certification Fee Waiver - Family Income: Used for those whose family income does not exceed 200% of the current federal poverty guidelines. • Request for Initial Certification Fee Waiver - Military Eligibility: Used for active military and spouses and those who have been honorably discharged within the last 2 years. • GPSC Promising Practice Grant

Broader funding supports:

- Fill out **FAFSA** every year, even if you do not receive funding from it; check that you are interested in Federal Work Study
- [Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid](#) (OSFA)
 - [Understanding your aid offer](#)
 - [Special circumstances appeals](#)
- Apply every year to [Scholarship Universe](#), which includes College of Education scholarships
- [SSS-TRiO](#) provides free financial planning support and exam preparation for their students
- [Childcare resources](#)
- [Wordcats/Mathcats](#) - must have Federal Work Study
- [AmeriCorps Math Tutoring](#) – Anyone can apply
- [GPSC Grants](#) for Basic Needs, Completion, and Promising Practice
- [TEACH Grant](#)
- Arizona Teaching Fellows ([AZTF](#)) – Juniors/Seniors, stipend
- Arizona Teachers Academy ([ATA](#)) – Junior/Senior AZ Residents prioritized, loan-for-service pays tuition & [mandatory fees](#) only after gift aid applies (FAFSA required to be on file)
- [Federal teacher loan forgiveness](#)
- **More financial planning resources and information can be found at <https://coe.arizona.edu/financial-aid>**