

**Financial Planning – Mild-Moderate Disabilities - Fees & Funding***This document is for guidance only and was prepared by College of Education staff on 1.30.2024*

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 	<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"> • \$50 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 your emergency sub cert, you will be allowed to substitute for your cooperating teacher and be paid while student teaching.
Certificates During Student Teaching (OPTIONAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Substitute Certificate: \$60 	<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.
Certification Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education (NT601): \$119 • K-5 Literacy endorsement: Foundations of Reading (SA190): \$139 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OPTIONAL; will be needed in 2025 if you teach literacy in K-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • GPSC Promising Practice Grant
Certification Exam Support Materials (OPTIONAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES practice test – built into price of exam, provided automatically during registration at no extra cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free materials are available on NES/AEPA exam webpages • SSS-TRiO provides free exam prep support to their students • Subscriptions can be purchased for study.com
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

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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., K-5 Literacy endorsement) 	<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 other 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>**