



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Education

Financial Planning – Early Childhood Education - Fees & Funding

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Item	Cost	Specific Funding Supports
Fingerprint Clearance Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$67 to AZDPS + \$1.34 credit card fee• \$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 fall; and 5 days per week in spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OSFA special circumstances appeals• Flowing Wells Immersion program is a paid opportunity to substitute teach on Fridays sem. 3 if the ECE schedule allows; details will be sent via email
Student Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. K-3 settings only.
Certificates During K-3 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">• Assessment of Professional Knowledge - Early Childhood (AZ093): \$145• Bilingual endorsement – CHOOSE 1:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AZ Classroom Teacher Exam: \$100○ Spanish NES Exam (NT401): \$119○ Other NES languages (Chinese/Mandarin, French, German): \$119○ ACTFL languages (Chinese, Japanese): \$145○ ASL (ASLPI): \$205• K-5 Literacy endorsement: Foundations of Reading (SA190 / 890): \$139<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ OPTIONAL; will be needed in 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

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Certification Exam Support Materials (OPTIONAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NES practice test for Professional Knowledge – Early Childhood (AZ093): \$29.95 	<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 prep support to their students Subscription 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
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., if you do not meet bilingual endorsement requirements by graduation and apply on your own later) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATA will cover cost of 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://education.arizona.edu/financial-planning-resources>