

Capitol Region Education Council

The Advanced Alternate Route to Certification
for Special Education cross endorsement

2024-2025

AARC 18

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About the AARC

Requirements

- ❖ Valid current Teaching Certificate in one of the teaching areas; SLP, SW and school psychologist, not eligible.
- ❖ 3 years teaching (in any capacity) in the last 8 years
- ❖ Opportunities for clinical hours (field work experiences)

Three Phases of Program

Phase I

- Summer 2024 (June 24-July 3)
- Three full days of class, five half days
- No class July 4
- Clinical hours and logs
- Formative assessments
- Class prep work

Everything Due August 31, 2024

Other Requirements

- ✿ Mentor meetings (1:1)
- ✿ Cohort meetings (group)
- ✿ Observations by mentor (Summative #4)
- ✿ Observation by on-site colleague

Phase II

- ✿ Saturday classes 1x per month September 2024 - June 2025
- ✿ Mentor meetings
- ✿ Clinical hours and logs
- ✿ Portfolio assignments
- ✿ Class prep work and homework

Phase III

- ✿ Final seminar class=Annotated Bibliography and Group Project
- ✿ Clinical hours
- ✿ The Commencement Meeting
- ✿ Completed State log (evidence of clinical work and field work experiences)

Portfolio Assignments

- ✿ Based on the Council for Exceptional Children Competencies and the CT Common Core of Teaching Competencies for Special Education Teachers
- ✿ Electronic portfolio is submitted

Clinical Hours

♣ Phase I = 25*

♣ Phase II = 120*

♣ Phase III = 50*

*Hours vary depending on current position

Must submit a prescribed clinical log

*******YOU CAN BANK HOURS and work ahead*******

The 7 Areas Plus 2

(20 hours each, not mutually exclusive)

- ✿ LD/SED/Low incidence
- ✿ Elementary and Secondary
- ✿ Inclusion and Self-contained
- ✿ Reading and Math experiences

Prep Work

- ✿ Includes completing readings and materials before class.
- ✿ There is usually a homework assignment associated with each class.

Grading: A competency-based program

- ✦ Grading is based on rubric requirements.
- ✦ Each assignment must meet highest standards.
- ✦ Opportunities for “redo’s”.
- ✦ We do not give credits or grades for the program.
- ✦ You must demonstrate highest competency in each competency area in order to finish the program.
- ✦ Finish dates stagger based on individuals, all work must be completed by September 30, 2025 to avoid additional charge.
- ✦ Must complete summative assessments.

Praxis II

- ❖ Comprehensive special education endorsement #165 requires Praxis

Comprehensive special education
endorsement #165 requires
Praxis 5543.

- ❖ Initial special education certification requires passing the Foundations of Reading Exam

About the AARC Mentors

- ✿ Most are TEAM mentors.
- ✿ Some are Administrators.
- ✿ Most hold multiple certifications.
(example, Elementary Ed., ELL, Administration)
- ✿ All mentors work collaboratively to calibrate services.

Commitment

- ❖ Certified/experienced Special Education Professionals.
- ❖ Time: about 40 hours a month
- ❖ Must be organized
- ❖ Must have an electronic device to bring to class
- ❖ Must have regular access to internet
- ❖ Must be self-paced and able to stay on top of multiple program components

Success Rate

• Number of candidates that have gotten jobs as teachers:

*****approximately 98%*****

Questions?

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