



Teacher Licensure Scholarships Pre-Kindergarten Graduate Certificate

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A flexible licensure pathway for early childhood professionals already in the field
Earn Teacher Licensure in Early Childhood while continuing to work in your classroom.

Educator Eligibility

- Bachelor’s degree or higher with at least 18 hours of early childhood education.
- Passing score on Praxis 5533 exam (required before admission).
- Employed for at least 90 days in a setting serving children ages 3–5 in Arkansas and have signed participation form from program.
- Verify with college that employer site meets teacher internship requirements.
- Eligible for admission to the university’s graduate school.

Employer Eligibility

- Meets ADE requirements for participation in the certificate program
- Ability to contribute a portion of tuition, books and annual incentive
- Provide scholars with release time (up to 96 hours per semester), reimbursed by TEACH

How the Pre-K Graduate Certificate Scholarship Works

	TEACH Early Childhood	Educator	Employer
Tuition	80%	10%	10%
Books	80%	10%	10%
Travel Stipend	\$200 per semester	Complete at least 9 credit hours per year with passing grades as determined by school.	N/A
Release Time*	Reimburse employer \$17/hour for up to 96 hours of release time per semester		Provide paid release time (up to 96 hours per semester)
Scholar Incentive (earned on completion)	Contract Coursework: \$350 Additional Year of Employment: \$350		Contract Coursework: \$150 Additional Year of Employment: \$150
One-time Technology	Reimburse up to \$700 for technology purchase		N/A
Praxis Reimbursement	80% of Praxis 5533 exam fee, plus a practice test and study materials, is reimbursed		

*-Release time is not applicable for the summer semester if scholar is not working. Revised rate of \$17/hour is effective with the Fall 2026 semester. Summer 2026 is reimbursed at \$15/hour.

Email or call the TEACH office to get a list of participating colleges and an application.

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