



Subject Knowledge/ “Highly Qualified” (HQ) Coursework For Education Majors

Note: Grade level you plan to be certified in will determine the number of hours required for your subject knowledge area to be “Highly Qualified.”

K-8: SWC check sheet must be followed and Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments (AEPA) passed for Arizona teacher certification. (*AEPA Tests: Elementary Subject Knowledge, and Elementary Professional Knowledge*)

- Kindergarten –Must have 27 credit hours in Early Childhood Development courses which SWC does not currently offer. Credits may be transferred in from an accredited institution.
- Grades K-8: Must be Highly Qualified (HQ) (24 hours in a subject knowledge area) Choose from options 1, 2, or 3 below.

Subject Knowledge coursework available for Elementary Education Majors

1. **English/Communication:** (24 hours) (*This enables student to be considered HQ.*)
 - English and literature courses (excluding ENG 101 & 102; ENG 203 Intro. to Cinema)
 - All modern language classes (100-400 level; includes Sign Language)
2. **Social Studies:** (24 hours) (*This enables student to be considered HQ.*)
 - History (HIS) courses
 - Political Science (POL) courses
 - Church history courses
 - Cultural studies
3. **Math:** (24 hours) (*This enables student to be considered HQ.*)
 - Math classes – College Algebra and higher level math

Grades 7-12: SWC check sheet must be followed and Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments (AEPA) passed for Arizona teacher certification. (*AEPA tests: Secondary Professional Knowledge, and Subject Knowledge*)

- Must be HQ in content area (30 hours) (Business, English, Math, or Social Studies)
- See Secondary Education check sheets for coursework.

K-12 Music Education: Instrumental or Choral (see music check sheets for coursework)

Note:

Requirements for a Special Education certificate(s) or an ESL endorsement are best taken as a Master’s Program.

This is for advisement only and does not constitute a contract. Coursework requirements may change as required by the Arizona Department of Education.