

Overarching policies:

- The Student Teaching Intern Certificate is optional and is NOT a requirement for participation in NAU's student teaching capstone experience.
- The certificate entitles the holder to perform teaching duties (i.e., be the full-time teacher of record without a mentor teacher in the classroom for the student teaching semester only) under the supervision of a program supervisor as defined in R7-2-604(14). This teaching certificate is only valid for the student teaching semester and in the school district or charter school requesting the certificate.
- Please be aware that some NAU programs may not be eligible for this option. Eligible undergraduate and graduate programs are listed at the end of this document.
- Due to federal regulations, a Student Teaching Intern Certificate holder may NOT teach in a special education classroom unless the certificate holder has a bachelor's degree.

Requirements for NAU teacher candidates:

- Verification that all required coursework for student teaching is (or will be completed prior to student teaching placement) with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- A passing score on the subject knowledge test(s) of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment that corresponds to the teaching certificate the student teaching intern is pursuing
- A passing score on the professional knowledge test of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment that corresponds to the teaching certificate the student teaching intern is pursuing
- A valid fingerprint card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Verification of enrollment in the culminating student teaching capstone experience by designated date
- Three favorable recommendations, two from NAU faculty members and one from a NAU program advisor as well as approval from program leadership

If you are interested in pursuing a Student Teaching Intern Certificate for your student teaching capstone experience, please follow the steps below

1. Complete a Special Placement Request: Authorization for Recommendation form (see <http://nau.edu/Provost/PEP/StudentTeaching/Resources/>) and submit to NAUStudentTeaching@nau.edu.
2. Complete the Student Teaching Intern Certificate Application form found on page 2 of the Student Teaching Intern Certificate Guidelines (see <http://nau.edu/Provost/PEP/StudentTeaching/Resources/>) and submit the application and all required documentation as directed on the application.
3. As noted in the application, programs can implement additional requirements. Any additional requirements will be communicated to candidates at time of application.
4. The Professional Education Programs staff will send out the recommendation form to the individuals noted on the Special Placement Request submitted by the candidate. Once the recommendations are received, they will be forwarded to the designated contact person for the program. Again, candidates must receive three favorable recommendations as well as meeting all stated requirements and any additional program requirements before a program will make a determination of on a candidate's application (i.e., approve or deny) for the Student Teaching Intern Certificate.

Schools and districts:

For schools or districts interested in hiring candidates through the Student Teaching Intern Certificate program, please review information on the following website, <http://nau.edu/Provost/PEP/StudentTeaching/Resources/>. NAU's Recruiting tool, Handshake, can be utilized for posting positions for teacher candidates.

Approved Programs for STIC consideration

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| College of Education |
| Elementary Education - Major (BSED) |
| Elementary Education - Certification (MED) |
| Special Education – Mild Moderate Disabilities - Certification (MED) |
| Special Education - Early Childhood - with Certification (MED) |

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| College of Engineering, Informatics and Applied Sciences |
| Secondary Education - Physics - Major (BSED) |

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| College of the Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences |
| Secondary Education - Biology - Major (BSED) |
| Secondary Education - Chemistry - Major (BSED) |
| Secondary Education - Earth Science - Major (BSED) |
| Secondary Education - General Science - Major (BSED) |
| Secondary Education - Mathematics - Major (BSED) |
| Teaching Science with Certification (MAT) |

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| College of Health and Human Services |
| Health Sciences - Physical Education - Major (BSED) |