

Early Childhood Certification Update

Birth - Kindergarten teachers must hold an Early Childhood certificate or endorsement by July 1, 2012.

New options for the Early Childhood Endorsement:

•Option A:

- Valid Arizona Elementary or Arizona Special Education teaching certificate
- 21 semester hours required early childhood coursework
- 4 semester hours practicum or one year teaching in birth-preschool
- 4 semester hours student teaching or one year teaching in K-3
- Passing score on the AEPA Early Childhood Subject Knowledge (# 36) exam

•Option B:

- Valid Arizona Elementary or Arizona Special Education teaching certificate
- 4 semester hours practicum or one year teaching in birth-preschool
- 4 semester hours practicum or one year teaching in K-3.
- Passing score on the AEPA Early Childhood Subject Knowledge (# 36) exam
- Passing score on the AEPA Early Childhood Professional Knowledge (# 93) exam

•Option C:

- A valid Arizona Elementary or Arizona Special Education certificate issued prior to July 1, 2012
- Three years of Birth-grade 3 teaching experience within 10 years prior to July 1, 2012
- Passing score on the AEPA Early Childhood Subject Knowledge (# 36) exam