

All Music and Art Education Students,

There is one teacher certification test required prior to your student teaching semester. Plan ahead so you know about these in advance. *****IMPORTANT***** **This must be taken and passed prior to student teaching.** It is recommended to take the test during your last semester of coursework.

This is a great place to start: <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/testing-information/>.

NES Test: Assessment of Professional Knowledge (Secondary)

Website: <http://www.aepa.nesinc.com/>

This test is required for Teacher Certification (costs: \$145, 3 hours long, and computer-administered at a testing center). There is an optional study guide available from the website for ~\$30 per study guide. You need to take and pass this exam:

- [Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Secondary](#): 100 multiple-choice questions, 1 case study written assignment, and 1 work product written assignment (need a passing score of 220 or higher)

OTHER INFORMATION:

To complete the AZ/US Constitution certification requirement (Choose one)

1. [AEPA Exam: Constitutions of the US and AZ](#) (\$75, 2 ½ hours, 100 multiple choice questions); or
2. Take the related college course (i.e., POL 210) and **get it transferred to your UA transcripts** if you took it at another institution. Please note that if you take a course it must include both the US Constitution and AZ Constitution (otherwise, you need to take two courses if they are not combined).

If receiving financial aid, here is information about applying for a NES exam voucher:

Here is a link to the NES webpage where you can download the waiver form:

http://www.aepa.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=NTCBT_PaymentInformation.html&t=NT504

- Fill out the form and take it to the Financial Aid office (no one in particular). It gets processed there but takes approximately one month. Then, pick it up at the Financial Aid office and mail it to the NES address listed on the waiver form.
- It takes 1-2 weeks for NES to process it. Then, if you are approved, they send an email with a "voucher code" that you input when you are checking out during the registration of the test which covers the entire cost of the test.
- Here is the NES webpage to upload your waiver once you receive it:
<https://reg3.nesinc.com/Contact/CustomerService.aspx?p=AEPA>
- You are only allowed one waiver per year.

If you have any questions, about these tests after visiting the sites linked above, please ask me.

Thanks!

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