

## Program Overview

The Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education prepares teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, behavior analysts, and family members to work effectively with gifted children.

Students will gain the theory and pedagogy needed to identify and serve gifted children and the knowledge and skills required to develop and provide the most current instructional methods and services for their gifted students. Graduates will also learn how to create gifted programs based on the needs of their school district and learn how to work with administrations, school boards and parents.

Faculty understand gifted students require differentiated instruction and teach how to develop and reach their potential. Graduates of the program will learn how to be an advocate in their own schools for gifted students and gain the tools to identify potential and address specific needs of students that are either talented or gifted.

The program is good for public or private teachers in honors classrooms and those who want to add value to marketability as well as administrators focused on becoming gifted coordinators.

This 15-credit hour certificate program consists of 5 classes. The graduate certificate can be completed within a two-year period while concurrently pursuing an online graduate degree or as a stand-alone certificate. A Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction: Gifted Education is also available.

Students who complete the program will be qualified to earn a Gifted Education (K-12) endorsement from the Arizona Department of Education.

Non-Arizona residents, please refer to the [ASU Online State Authorization Information](#) page for additional information.

## Contact Information

Office of Student Services – Graduate Programs

For admissions information, please contact [graduate-inquiry@asu.edu](mailto:graduate-inquiry@asu.edu).

Current students, please contact Dawn Koths, academic advisor, at [Dawn.Koths@asu.edu](mailto:Dawn.Koths@asu.edu).

## Quick Facts

**Campus Location:** Online

**Number of Credits:** 15 Credit Hours

**Start Terms:** Fall Session A, Spring Session A, Summer Session A (see Academic Calendar for Session dates: <https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar>)

**Class Fee:** \$100 per course (in addition to online tuition/fees)

**Time to Completion:** 3 to 4 semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer)

**Application Deadlines:** <http://education.asu.edu/application-deadlines>

### Application Requirements & How to Apply

#### Graduate Admissions Application Requirements

- Earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution in the U.S. or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from an international institution that is officially recognized by that country
- Must have maintained a "B" (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) grade point average (GPA) in the last 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of undergraduate coursework
- Proof of English proficiency – International students only
  - If you are from a country whose native language is not English (regardless of where you may now reside), you must provide proof of English proficiency. For more information including additional requirements for international students, please visit the [ASU Graduate Admissions website](#).
  - Applicants to Non-Certification Masters, Graduate Certificates, and Doctoral Programs:
    - Must meet the English Proficiency score established by [ASU Graduate Education](#)

#### Items Needed to Apply to the Program

- Items that will be uploaded into the online application:
  - **Personal Statement:** Responses to short-answer questions provide the admissions committee with information regarding your personal or professional goals and how they align with the Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education. The admissions committee pays particular attention to the quality of writing and ideas expressed in these responses as well as evaluating the relevance of goals to the aims of the program. Please respond to three of the four questions below. Responses should be limited to 150-200 words per question. The statement should be prepared in an MS Word (.doc), Rich Text (.rtf), Portable Document Format (.pdf), or Text (.txt) file format.
    - Describe one or more personal or professional goals that motivate you to apply for this program. How will completion of the Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education help you fulfill this/these goals?
    - Describe a quality that you believe is critical to working with an individual with special needs and at least one situation where you have demonstrated this quality.
    - Describe an individual with special needs and how you supported him or her.
    - Briefly discuss why you are interested in pursuing a graduate certificate at this time. What steps have you taken (or will you take) to ensure that you will be successful in the program?
  - **Resume** that includes relevant personal, professional, educational, and community activities (one – two pages). The resume should be prepared in an MS Word (.doc), Rich Text (.rtf), Portable Document Format (.pdf), or Text (.txt) file format.
- Items that need to be mailed to [Graduate Admissions Services](#):
  - **Official transcripts** from every college and university from which you have earned a Bachelor's degree or higher
  - **Proof of English proficiency** – International students only

#### Complete and submit the Graduate Admission online application

- Review the application deadlines prior to applying: <http://education.asu.edu/application-deadlines>
- Start the online application at this website: [www.asu.edu/gradapp](http://www.asu.edu/gradapp)
- Select the certificate: Gifted Education
- Select the appropriate term for Planned Semester and Year of Enrollment
- For Location, select ASU Online
- Upload required items listed above
- Submit the application and pay the [appropriate application fee](#)
- Send the remaining items to Graduate Admissions

## Requirements and Program of Study

### Required Courses

SPE 585	Creativity: Research and Development in Gifted Education	3
SPE 586	Advising the Gifted Learner: Social and Emotional Needs	3
SPE 587	Special Populations in Gifted Education	3
SPE 588	The Gifted Learner: Foundations of Identification, Education and Development	3

### Elective Courses (select 1 course)

SPE 572	Testing and Measurement in Gifted Education: Methods	3
SPE 573	Differentiating Instruction for Gifted Learners: Teaching Methods	3
SPE 589	Teaching the Gifted Learner: Models, Methods, and Programs	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

Curriculum and tuition for all programs subject to change based on Arizona Board of Regents and Arizona Department of Education updates.

To review course descriptions please visit the ASU Catalog: <http://asu.edu/catalog>.

## Additional Resources

- Application Deadlines: <http://education.asu.edu/application-deadlines>
- How to Apply: <https://education.asu.edu/graduate-programs-how-apply>
- Faculty: <http://education.asu.edu/faculty>
- ASU Graduate Education Policies: <https://graduate.asu.edu/policies-procedures>
- Tuition and Fees: <https://students.asu.edu/tuitionandfees>

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Do I have to take the classes in any particular order?**

The course sequence is based on the session in which you start the program. Upon admission you will receive a list of the courses and the order in which you will take them to meet the program requirements. Some program courses are only offered in the summer; therefore, the course sequence will require summer courses. If you take courses out of sequence, your time to completion may be affected as not all courses are offered every session.

### **How many classes can I take at a time?**

Depending on when a student begins the Gifted Education Graduate Certificate, they will take between one and three courses each semester.

### **Will I be eligible for financial aid?**

If you are enrolled in the graduate certificate program only, you will not be eligible for financial aid. If you are enrolled in the graduate certificate program concurrently with a Master's degree, you may be eligible for financial aid. Please visit the [Financial Aid site](#) for additional information.

### **How do I obtain my gifted endorsement in Arizona?**

Upon completing the required coursework, students apply for the gifted endorsement through the Arizona Department of Education. Guidance on completing the application process is provided through the Graduate Certificate program. Additional information on the endorsement can be found at this ADE website: <http://www.ade.az.gov/certification/requirements/Endorsements>

Non-Arizona students interested in applying for an endorsement or other qualification to an existing teacher certification should contact their state's Board/Department of Education for information about using coursework from Arizona State University.

### **Can I get certified in the state of Arizona as a Special Ed Teacher?**

No, this program does not lead to any sort of Special Ed Certification in the state of Arizona. This program does not require the field experience and student teaching components as well as the requirements that are need to become certified to teach. However, the program does lead to the Gifted Endorsement in the State of Arizona.

### **When can I begin this program?**

Each academic semester at ASU (Fall, Spring, Summer) has three sessions: Session A, Session B, and Session C. Session A and Session B are each 7.5 weeks, and Session C is 15 weeks. Students in the Gifted Education program can begin the program at the start of Session A (during Fall, Spring, or Summer).