

Arizona Literacy Endorsement Overview

Endorsement Requirements:

- ✓ 90 hours of approved training/PD coursework (science of reading & instruction).
- ✓ Passing score on the Foundations of Reading (AEPA/NT890) exam.
- ✓ Coursework may be counted via college classes or ADE-approved trainings.

Important Deadlines:

 Teachers certified before Aug 1, 2025 → Earn endorsement by Aug 1, 2028.

 Teachers certified after Aug 1, 2025 → Earn within 3 years of certification.

1. Free Professional Learning via ADE (LETRS & More)

Arizona LETRS Professional Learning

ADE partners with Lexia to offer free science-of-reading professional learning (LETRS) for Arizona educators. This is funded by the state and aligned to evidence-based reading instruction — and meets requirements for the K-5 Literacy Endorsement for eligible participants.

What it includes:

- Science of reading foundations
- Structured literacy practices
- Teacher support to improve literacy outcomes



2. ADE Professional Learning & Development (APLD) Portal

ADE has a Professional Learning hub where teachers can find free or low-cost workshops, webinars, events, and ongoing training — including literacy-related content.

3. On-Demand Knowledge Blocks (Free Learning Modules)

ADE's English Language Arts team offers free classroom knowledge blocks — short modules you can take on demand. These include topics like:

- Understanding and Recognizing Dyslexia
- Science of Teaching and Reading fundamentals
- Evidence-based literacy strategies

These do not currently satisfy the full K-5 Literacy Endorsement clock-hour requirements, but they are excellent free professional learning for literacy knowledge.

4. ADE-Provided Literacy Guidance & FAQs

ADE publishes official Literacy Endorsement guidance and FAQ documents that explain:

- ✓ Endorsement requirements & pathways
- ✓ Foundations of Reading exam information
- ✓ Waiver and exemption options
- ✓ Eligible coursework vs. approved training options

These PDF guides are free and downloadable directly from ADE's Literacy page

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