Requirements for Institutional Recommendation for teacher certification – Graduate Students

The following minimum requirements must be met in order for a graduate student in the Department of Agricultural Education to qualify for institutional recommendation for teacher certification from the University of Arizona. The University of Arizona does not certify individuals to teach; teacher certification is obtained from the Arizona Department of Education. While faculty and staff will assist the student in obtaining institutional recommendation, the student is ultimately responsible for contacting the appropriate individuals to obtain institutional recommendation from the University of Arizona and teacher certification from the Arizona Department of Education.

The minimum requirements are as follows:

1. **Content knowledge**: an undergraduate degree in agriculture, the life sciences, or closely related disciplines as to be determined by the faculty of the Department of Agricultural Education. The combination of work experiences and a relevant undergraduate degree will be considered, however an undergraduate degree is required.

2. **Pedagogical (teaching and learning) coursework**:
   a. A ED 505A: Principles of Career and Technical Education (3)
   b. A ED 538: The Teaching of Secondary School Agricultural Science (4)
   c. A ED 560: Instructional Materials Development (4)
   d. A ED 562: Curriculum Development (3)
   e. A ED 593A: Internship – Pre-Student Teaching (2)
   f. A ED 593B: Internship – Student Teaching (5)

3. **Structured English Immersion coursework** (required by Arizona law):
   a. LRC 516: Structured English Foundations (3) **AND**
   b. LRC 517: Structured English Immersion Methods (3) **OR**
   c. LCEV 508: Methods of Teaching English to English Language Learners (3) **AND**
   d. LCEV 516: Sheltered English Instruction Methods (3)

4. **Arizona and U.S. Constitution requirements** (required by Arizona law):
   a. Coursework **OR**
   b. Exam at [www.aepa.nesinc.com](http://www.aepa.nesinc.com)

5. Completion of Master’s degree

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