Arizona Certification Options for Computer Science Teachers

Arizona Certification	Computer Science Content Knowledge Requirement*	Appropriate Placement**
Secondary certificate with a Computer Science **approved area**	Twenty-four (24) semester hours of coursework in Computer Science	Grades 6-12 Computer Science
Elementary certificate with a Computer Science **approved area**	Twenty-four (24) semester hours of coursework in Computer Science	Grades K-8 Computer Science
Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education certificate with a Computer Science PreK-12 **endorsement**	Thirty (30) semester hours of coursework in Computer Science to include elementary methods and secondary methods of teaching Computer Science.	PreK-grade12 Computer Science
Subject Matter Expert Standard **certificate** in Computer Science	**One** of the following: • Experience teaching Computer Science courses at an accredited college or university for the past two consecutive years, and a total of three years; **or** • A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree in Computer Science; **or** • Five years of relevant work experience in the field of Computer Science.	Grades 6-12 Computer Science

Specialized Secondary STEM **certificate** in Computer Science	• Five years of work experience in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics; **and**
	• **One** of the following:
	  o A Bachelor's or more advanced degree and 24 semester hours of coursework in Computer Science; **or**
	  o Experience teaching computer science courses at an accredited college or university for the past two consecutive years and a total of three years.
		Grades 6-12 Computer Science

Please visit the Arizona Department of Education, Certification Website at http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/forms-and-information/ for further information on requirements for educator certificates, endorsements, and approved areas.
***Note: Career and Technical Education (CTE) funded courses require the teacher to hold an appropriate CTE certificate.*