







## Follow your passion as a TEACHER!

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# TUITION FREE Pathways to Teaching

NAU is excited to announce a West Valley partnership with Tolleson,Littleton and Union Elementary School Districts to offer a pathway to teacher certification. Once admitted to NAU, new students can start as soon as fall 2023 with online courses and/or join in-person courses being taught locally at Desert Oasis Elementary, Tolleson school district beginning in spring Jan 2023.

This unique partnership is available to anyone interested in pursuing an NAU degree that leads to teacher certification. The Arizona Teachers Academy Scholarship is available allowing the NAU degree programs to be completed tuition-free. The goal of this new partnership is to attract talented people to become educators for their community. NAU's in-person courses will be offered in the afternoon/evening, making it convenient for paraprofessionals and other working professionals.

#### Available degree programs leading to teacher certification include:

- BSED Elementary Education (primarily in-person courses)
- BSED Special and Elementary Education (blend of in-person and online courses)
  - Add on Early Childhood Certificate leading to Endorsement (online courses)
- MED Special Education (online program)
  - Early Childhood OR Mild Moderate Disabilities
- MED Elementary Education (online program)
- MAT Teaching Science (online program)

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### **Benefits of the Partnership**

The benefits of this partnership include financial, professional, and academic support.

- Invitations for specialized professional development events
- Advanced consideration for open positions
- Local faculty support
- Attend tuition-free with the Arizona

  Teachers Academy (must complete a current FAFSA)
- \$2,000 annual stipend (for last two years of NAU coursework)