

ACT CERTIFIED EDUCATOR

AT A GLANCE

Overview

ACT Certified Educator™ is a groundbreaking credentialing program designed for educators and school systems seeking professional development and certification from a trusted source.

Successful completion of ACT Certified Educator certification affords educators the opportunity to document and display their ACT-preparation content knowledge and teaching skills. The ACT Certified Educator program provides valuable professional advancement for improving students' learning and readiness for college, career and life.

ACT Certified Educator is available as in-person or virtual programs for schools and school systems (B2B). Virtual deliveries provide engaging and high-quality instruction in a setting that is conducive to safely working within today's public health guidelines. Districts can allow staff to stay home (or utilize district facilities) while offering them the option to strengthen their skills and qualifications.

Basics is Required for Certification

Basics is a foundational course that includes information to enhance educators' knowledge of fundamental aspects of the ACT test and the resources available to students. This course does not cover all subjects on the ACT test. Instead it introduces the ACT test itself and the evidence-based teaching strategies key to successful preparation for the ACT.

NOTE: Participants are REQUIRED to complete the ACT Certified Educator Basics course and meet the scoring benchmark on the Basics Certification exam to receive any subject-specific certifications.

ACT Certified Educator Basics may be taken either before or after subject-specific courses.

Core Courses

One-Day Courses

The ACT Certified Educator Basics and ACT Certified Educator Writing courses are both one day in length. Basics and Writing each have a Certification exam at the end of the course.

Two-Day Courses

The remaining ACT subject-specific courses (English, Reading, Math and Science) each include two days of instruction. These courses require the participant to earn a passing score on a Qualification exam (administered on day 1) AND a passing score on a Certification exam (administered on day 2).



Test Requirements

Course	#of Hours	Qualifications Test	Certification Test
Basics	8	Not required	Administered at the end of the day
English	16	Administered Day 1	Administered Day 2
Reading	16	Administered Day 1	Administered Day 2
Writing	8	Not required	Administered at the end of the day
Math	16	Administered Day 1	Administered Day 2
Science	16	Administered Day 1	Administered Day 2

Simple Process

Becoming an ACT Certified Educator is a simple process.

1. First, participants register for the courses that most interest them. ACT's Security Department then conducts a simple background check on each participant.
2. Upon security approval, candidates participate in the courses in which they have registered. Participants must successfully complete the course and meet the scoring benchmarks for the corresponding exams.
3. Pass/Fail results are communicated to participants. Participants who pass all required exams earn their credentials (electronic badges), when applicable*. Participants with a Fail result are given the opportunity to retest in an effort to earn a Passing result.

1. Registration and security check
2. Course and exam completion
3. Results communication

**Successful completion of ACT Certified Educator Basics course and exam is a prerequisite for any subject-specific badges issued.*

Key Benefits

Classroom Integration

ACT Certified Educator courses provide educators with teaching and testing strategies that can immediately be integrated into regular classroom instruction. In post-program research surveys, these strategies are reported to be of high value to participants.

Holistic, Researched-Base Approach

Through ACT Certified Educator courses, participants gain a better understanding of the core ACT tests, the research behind them, and what is assessed. This approach helps educators improve students' ACT scores, their college readiness, and their post-high school life. Providing ACT Certified Educator training to and credentialing educators in every environment—public and private—expands quality ACT test preparation for students in every circumstance.

Professional Development

ACT Certified Educator credentials may be used towards continuing education requirements. Credentials are earned by individual instructors, boosting their abilities and confidence. Having an ACT-credentialed staff is a positive reflection on the school/district that supports its educators in these endeavors.

Enhanced ACT Prep Course Instruction

Schools and school systems that provide ACT prep courses can better prepare and credential their teachers through the ACT Certified Educator program. Schools and districts can build a professional, in-house talent pool to teach ACT prep courses. Systems that currently outsource these programs can bring them in-house with significant savings potential.