

# NAU ONLINE: Arizona Classroom Readiness & Teacher Preparation Training Summer 2021



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Center for International Education

## About Northern Arizona University

Founded in 1899, Northern Arizona University (NAU) is a public, co-educational, state university with an enrollment of approximately 22,000 students on its main campus. The university campus is located on 738 acres and is set in the small city of Flagstaff, Arizona. Natural beauty and student-centered programs and services make Northern Arizona University a great choice for international students to pursue their studies and research. The university offers more than 100 undergraduate programs and more than 50 graduate programs. We welcome students from 50 states and more than 1,300 international students from more than 80 different countries.

## NAU Online

NAU has a long and successful history of offering programs online. We focus on providing a student-centered experience through distinguished programs led by committed professors. Ranked as the [#1 Best Online College in the United States](#), NAU offers nearly 60 undergraduate programs and more than 30 graduate programs online. NAU online students learn from some of the most cited experts in the nation, and are connected with professors who mentor them and help them reach their goals.

## About NAU's College of Education

The College of Education prepares students to be a leader in education – so they can make a difference in their schools and communities for the rest of their lives. Recognized as a leader in education in Arizona and beyond, NAU offers [undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs](#) that blend the best of past successes and modern innovations in teaching, and allow students to work closely with accomplished education faculty.

## Program Description

The **Arizona Classroom Readiness & Teacher Preparation Training** program will offer participants **45 hours** of online synchronous instruction. Led by faculty of NAU's College of Education in content areas of American and Special Education and Classroom Management, the program will enable participants to develop a thorough understanding of the American Education system and teaching techniques.

- **45 hours of instruction by the College of Education** in the following coursework (topics proposed below are flexible and may be modified as necessary):
  - Introduction to the U.S. Education System
    - History of American Education
    - Pertinent Topics in Today's Classroom in the United States
  - Introduction to Special Education
    - Special Education Basics
    - Differentiated Instruction
    - Child Study Teams/IEPs
  - Classroom Management & Instructional Strategies
    - Ethics of Teaching

- First Days of School
  - Classroom Management Strategies
  - Mandatory Reporting
  - Effective Instructional Strategies
- Adjusting Teaching Methods in midst of COVID-19
- Instruction will take place via ZOOM across **3.5-4 weeks in Summer 2021** (from mid-May to mid-June), meeting for approximately 11-13 hours per week. Along with faculty-led instruction and lectures, the program may also include guest speakers from the field, and other organized virtual activities. (Please note the program may also be spread out across additional weeks to accommodate less program hours per week.)
- Two virtual field work days with a local school
- Optional: One full day on campus with College of Education for closing workshops and certificate recognition (please note this add-on will require revisions to program cost)

#### Intensive English Add-On

- **15 hours of English instruction + 1 personal session provided by faculty of NAU's Programs in Intensive English**
  - Pre-program: **Preparation English** (5 hours total – taking place one week prior to Readiness program). [The goal of this portion will be to set teachers up with the vocabulary, terminology and online skillsets necessary to be successful in the Classroom Readiness program.
    - Topics include:
      - Understanding U.S. educational terms
      - Making the most of online learning and lectures
      - Strategies for success in small group work
  - Post-Program: **English for the Classroom** (10 hours + 25-minute personal 1:1 zoom meeting with Instructor – taking place over two weeks after Readiness program concludes).
    - Topics include:
      - Classroom management
      - Providing feedback to students
      - Communicating with parents and students
- Instruction will take place via ZOOM prior to and after the **Arizona Classroom Readiness & Teacher Preparation** and will include online asynchronous learning activities, as well as personalized feedback on sample lesson plan and a mock parent-teacher conference.

### Faculty Profile

**Claudia R. Rodas**, PhD. is an associate clinical professor of Special Education in the Department of Educational Specialties. She has fifteen years of teaching experience both in general and special education from elementary to high school level. Dr. Rodas currently works with pre-service teachers in a dual-certification program. Her research

focuses on teacher efficacy, self-regulated skills in online learning, critical thinking and problem solving in field experiences, preservice teachers' practicum experiences, and distance learning. Dr. Rodas is also bilingual in Spanish.

### **English Proficiency**

Program participants should have sufficient English proficiency to interact with NAU faculty and staff as determined by the home institution. Participants with limited English skills will not be able to fully benefit from all that the program has to offer. NAU will not administer English proficiency exams and translation services are not provided.

### **Certificate of Achievement**

Upon successful completion of the program, all participants will earn a **NAU (non-credit\*) micro-credential** and will receive a **Certificate of Achievement** signed by the Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives of Northern Arizona University. With this Micro-credential, participants will also receive a **Digital Badge** that can be displayed on their social media (LinkedIn) and other online professional pages.

\*Participants do not earn NAU academic credit as part of any short-term program.

**We look forward to welcoming your group to  
Northern Arizona University!**