



# Church of God Association of Christian Schools Elementary Teacher Credential (K-6)

## Temporary

- Valid 3 years (renewable)
- Teachers who do not fully meet the requirements for a Professional Teacher Certificate may receive a Temporary Teacher Certificate.
- A Temporary Certificate will be issued with a letter indicating the areas of deficiency.
  - The teacher can fulfill the areas of non-compliance and resubmit for a credential upgrade.
  - If a teacher does not fulfill all required areas with the three years of certification, a Temporary Certificate may be renewed once for an additional three years. A Temporary Certificate may not be renewed more than once.

## Professional

Valid 5 years (renewable)

- Educational Standards
  - 4-year Bachelor's or Master's degree from an accredited or a recognized college or university
- Other Requirements
  - Must be employed by a CGACS member school or hold a valid individual CGACS Professional Membership
- Biblical Studies/Christian Philosophy
  - Philosophy of Christian school education course
  - 6 semester hours in Biblical studies from Bible College or University, or
  - 18 CEUs in Biblical studies
  - Credentialed clergy from a recognized denomination may be exempt from this requirement. Please send a copy of ministerial credentials with application.
- Endorsements
  - Endorsement requirements may be met by
    - Completing 18 hours in the endorsement/subject area plus 6 hours of education courses
    - Passing a national or state teacher certification examination in the appropriate endorsement/subject area in lieu of the eighteen (18) credit requirements for a subject area endorsement. General Knowledge exams are NOT acceptable toward the subject area requirement.
  - Endorsement areas:
    - Music
    - Drama/Speech
    - Art
    - Physical Education/Health
    - Bible
    - English
    - Foreign language
    - Math
    - Science
    - Social Studies
    - Computer/Technology
  - Renewal Requirements
    - 2 semester hours in Biblical studies
    - 2 semester hours in educational studies
    - 10 CEUs or 60 clock hours of verified professional development