

As part of its teacher certification program, the School of Education emphasizes experiential learning through field-based applications in which students spend a significant amount of time in public school classroom settings applying acquired knowledge to a variety of learning situations. Candidates for certification must actively demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge, skills, and dispositions contained in the learning outcomes through assessment strategies such as portfolios, reflective journals, and other performance-based assessment strategies.

## **AREAS OF TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

### **Early Childhood – Grade 6**

Generalist  
Bilingual Generalist  
ESL Generalist  
Generalist with Special Education

### **Grades 4 – 8**

Generalist  
Bilingual Generalist  
ESL Generalist  
Generalist with Special Education  
English Language Arts/Reading  
Social Studies  
English Language Arts/Reading/Social Studies  
Mathematics  
Science  
Mathematics & Science

### **Early Childhood – Grade 12**

Art  
Music  
Physical Education  
Spanish  
Special Education

### **Grades 8 – 12**

Business Education (grades 6-12)  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
English Language Arts & Reading  
History  
Journalism  
Life Science  
Mathematics  
Physical Science  
Science  
Social Studies  
Speech (grades 7-12)

### **Supplemental Certifications**

Bilingual Education

English as a Second Language (ESL)  
Special Education

### **Undergraduate Certification while earning a BA or BS Degree**

Undergraduates seeking teacher certification earn their bachelor's degree in an approved area while completing the requirements for certification. Students typically complete an academic major and supporting minor, and should consult with faculty members in those disciplines for help in planning a program.

### **Post-Baccalaureate Certification**

Individuals already holding a bachelor's degree and desiring to become certified to teach may be eligible to enroll in the post-baccalaureate certification program. Post-baccalaureate students are required to pass the TExES in their content area prior to being admitted into internship.

### **Requirements for Certification**

Persons entering the program under this catalog who plan to receive teacher certification through The University of Texas of the Permian Basin must meet the following requirements:

- A. Complete the Professional Foundations requirements.
- B. Apply and be admitted to the Teacher Preparation Program.
- C. Complete specific course work in the teaching specialization with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- D. Complete all course work used to satisfy certification requirements with no grade below a "C".
- E. Successfully complete student teaching or internship requirements.
- F. Pass state examinations of pedagogy and teaching specializations. Students seeking to take such examinations must, prior to issuance of approval, meet university guidelines for eligibility.
- G. Complete a bachelor's degree in an approved area or hold such a degree prior to seeking certification. The overall GPA must be at least 2.50.

Candidates for certification must be free of felony or misdemeanor convictions for any crime directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the teaching profession. A student with a conviction must consult the Certification Officer.

### **Admission to the Teacher Preparation Program**

Undergraduate students must apply for admission to the Teacher Preparation Program during the semester in which the last Professional Foundations course is completed. Those who have not been admitted cannot take any professional education courses beyond the core. The following documentation is required of applicants under this catalog:

1. Satisfactory scores on reading, writing, and math tests, either the THEA or an approved TSI alternative:
  - a. THEA (TASP): 260 on Reading, 240 on Writing, and 240 on Mathematics.
  - b. SAT: combined score of 1070 with at least 500 on both verbal and mathematics.
  - c. ACT: composite score of 26 with at least 22 on both English and mathematics.
  - d. COMPASS: 89 on reading, 51 on math, and 6 on writing essay.
  - e. TAAS: 1780 on writing, 89 on reading, and 86 on math. All three areas must be met.
  - f. TAKS: 2200+ on English and 2200+ on Math for the exit-level tests taken in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - g. A student may request exemption, based on courses taken within the past 5 years. Exemption from the writing test requires a grade of "A" in two composition courses. Exemption from

the math test requires a grade of "A" in college algebra or higher. No exemptions from the reading test are granted.

2. Grade of "C" or better in COMM 1315 or an equivalent course, or other evidence of oral communication skills.
3. 48 semester hours of college course work (UTPB and transfer courses) completed with a GPA of 2.50 or higher.
4. GPA of 2.75 or higher in the major (or teaching specialization).
5. Completion of Professional Foundations courses with a GPA of 2.75 or higher and no grade lower than "C".
6. Certification plan and degree plan (for undergraduates) filed with the Certification Office.
7. Completed application, including essay and two letters of recommendation.
8. Post-baccalaureates: Passing score on the appropriate content-area TExES.

### **Readmission Policy**

Certification students who have been inactive for two or more successive "long" semesters must have their certification plan reevaluated, with the possibility of being required to apply for readmission to the teacher preparation program.

### **Maximum Age of Education Courses**

The maximum age of education courses to be used for certification purposes shall be five years. Courses more than five years old may be applied contingent upon submission of a certification petition and the written approval of the Dean.

### **Student Teaching or Internship**

Candidates for student teaching or internship must have a 2.50 overall GPA, and a GPA of 2.75 in the academic specialization and education courses. All professional education courses must be completed prior to student teaching, or permission obtained to take a course concurrently. Undergraduates can lack no more than 6 hours plus student teaching to finish their degree. The appropriate content area TExES exam and the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) TExES exam must be attempted prior to student teaching.

Candidates for internship must have a bachelor's degree or higher, and must have passed the appropriate content area TExES exam

Candidates receiving the THECB Educational Aide Exemption are exempt from student teaching and internship.

**Student teachers** maintain the daily schedule required of the public school mentor teachers to whom they are assigned for a period of 14 weeks. **Internships** are completed as a contracted teacher for one academic year. Applications for admission to student teaching must be received by the following dates:

Fall Student Teaching	Deadline is March 10 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Student Teaching	Deadline is October 10 <sup>th</sup>

### **Certification Testing Requirements**

Candidates for certification must pass appropriate Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). Candidates must pass two tests: one in the content-area and one in pedagogy and professional practices. Candidates seeking Bilingual certification must also pass the Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test

(BTLPT) and the Bilingual Supplemental TExES. Candidates seeking Spanish certification must pass the Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Spanish TExES.

Individuals seeking to take examinations through UT Permian Basin must, prior to approval, demonstrate their preparedness on diagnostic tests or through satisfactory completion of an approved plan of study. Diagnostic tests are offered throughout the year and must be taken by all candidates for certification through UTPB prior to enrolling in any methods courses related to the candidate's certification.

Coursework or tutoring will be recommended for students who are unsuccessful on pretests. Students who are unsuccessful on the PPR pretest must enroll in a professional practices course while completing methods courses.

### **Teacher Preparation Professional Foundations Courses**

All undergraduate teacher certification options require the completion of three professional foundations courses as the first phase of the program.

PSYC 3341 <sup>1</sup>	Child & Adolescent Psychology
EDUC 3352 <sup>2</sup>	The Exceptional Child
EDUC 4362	Foundations of Bilingualism and Multiculturalism

<sup>1</sup>PSYC 2308, PSYC 2314, and TECA 1354 are accepted as equivalent courses.

<sup>2</sup>EDUC 2301 is accepted as an equivalent course.

Post-baccalaureate students should consult their certification advisor to see if graduate-level courses may be taken to meet any of the professional foundations course requirements.

### **Early Childhood through Grade 6 Options**

#### **General Requirements**

Students seeking EC-6 certification must take at least 3 math courses at or above college-level algebra and at least 3 science courses with accompanying labs, including both life and physical sciences. They should plan accordingly when completing general education and elective course requirements.

## EC-6 Generalist

*Approved majors for this certification under Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) credit hour guidelines: Multidisciplinary Studies, Child and Family Studies. (Multidisciplinary Studies requires the fewest hours to complete.)*

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322, EDUC 4311, EDUC 4313.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4317, EDUC 4324, EDUC 4325, EDUC 4327.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4312, EDUC 4367, EDUC 4368, EDUC 4373. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase V:** EDUC 4680 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

## EC-6 Bilingual Generalist

*Approved majors for this certification under THECB credit hour guidelines: Multidisciplinary Studies.*

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322, EDUC 4311, EDUC 4313, EDUC 4329.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4317, EDUC 4324, EDUC 4325, EDUC 4315, EDUC 4327.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4312, EDUC 4363, EDUC 4367, EDUC 4368, EDUC 4373. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take BTLPT, content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase V:** EDUC 4681 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

## EC-6 ESL Generalist

*Approved majors for this certification under THECB credit hour guidelines: Multidisciplinary Studies.*

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322, EDUC 4311, EDUC 4313, EDUC 4329.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4317, EDUC 4324, EDUC 4325, EDUC 4327.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4312, EDUC 4336, EDUC 4367, EDUC 4368, EDUC 4373. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase V:** EDUC 4687 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

## Intermediate/Middle School (Grades 4-8) Options

### General Requirements

Students seeking Grade 4-8 certification, other than certification in English Language Arts and Social Studies, must take 4 math/statistics courses at or above college-level algebra and 4 science courses with labs, including life, earth, and physical sciences.

### Grades 4-8 Generalist

*Approved majors for this certification under THECB credit hour guidelines:* Multidisciplinary Studies.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322 or 4323.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4325, EDUC 4326, EDUC 4327.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4374, EDUC 4375. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4682 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### Grades 4-8 Bilingual Generalist

*Approved majors for this certification under THECB credit hour guidelines:* Multidisciplinary Studies.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322 or 4323; EDUC 4329.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4315, EDUC 4325, EDUC 4327.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4316, EDUC 4374, EDUC 4375. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take BTLPT, content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase V:** EDUC 4684 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### Grades 4-8 ESL Generalist

*Approved majors for this certification under THECB credit hour guidelines:* Multidisciplinary Studies.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322 or 4323; EDUC 4329.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4325, EDUC 4326, EDUC 4327, EDUC 4336.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4316, EDUC 4374, EDUC 4375. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase V:** EDUC 4688 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### **Grades 4-8 English Language Arts & Reading**

*Approved majors for this certification:* English and Humanities (English emphasis).

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322 or 4323.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4325, EDUC 4326, EDUC 4327.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4375. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase V:** EDUC 4683 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### **Grades 4-8 Social Studies**

*Approved majors for this certification:* History.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322 or 4323.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4325, EDUC 4326.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4375. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase V:** EDUC 4683 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### **Grades 4-8 English Language Arts, Reading, & Social Studies**

*Approved majors for this certification:* English and History. (The minor must be the other discipline.)

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

**Phase II:** EDUC 3322 or 4323.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4325, EDUC 4326, EDUC 4327.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4375. (Take professional practices course if required.)

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase V:** EDUC 4683 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### **Grades 4-8 Science**

*Approved majors for this certification:* Biology. (The minor must be Chemistry or Geology.)

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4325, EDUC 4326.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase IV courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4374. (Take professional practices course if required.)

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4683 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### **Grades 4-8 Mathematics**

*Approved majors for this certification:* Mathematics, or a Math teaching minor with one of these majors: Biology, English, History, Psychology, or Geology.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4325, EDUC 4326.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4374. (Take professional practices course if required.)

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4683 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

## **Grades 4-8 Science & Mathematics**

*Approved majors for this certification:* Biology with a Math minor.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4325, EDUC 4326.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES during this semester.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4374. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching..*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4683 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

## Secondary (Grades 7-12 or 8-12) Options

### Grades 7-12 or 8-12 Content-Area Specialist

*Approved majors for these certifications:* English Language Arts/Reading [English]; History [History]; Social Studies [History with minor in Political Science; Political Science with minor in History]; Mathematics [Mathematics]; Life Science [Biology]; Chemistry; Physical Science [Chemistry]; Science [Biology]; Computer Science [Computer Science]; Journalism [Communication]; Speech [Communication].

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4322, EDUC 4326.

*\*Take appropriate diagnostic tests for TExES prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** Methods course appropriate to content area: EDUC 4371 (English Language Arts); EDUC 4370 (History, Social Studies); EDUC 4376 (Sciences); EDUC 4377 (Math); COMM 4320 (Speech; Journalism). *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4685 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

## All-Level (EC-Grade 12) Options

### EC-Grade 12 Art

*Approved major for this certification:* Art.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4326.

*\*Take the diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4378. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take the content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4686 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass the content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### EC-Grade 12 Music

*Approved major for this certification:* Humanities (Music concentration).

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4326.

*\*Take the diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** MUSI 3204, MUSI 3206, MUSI 4280. (Take professional practices course if required.)

*\*Take the content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4686 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass the content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### **EC-Grade 12 Physical Education**

*Approved major for this certification:* Kinesiology.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4326.

*\*Take the diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4332, EDUC 4333, EDUC 4334. (Take professional practices course if required.)

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4686 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### **EC-Grade 12 Spanish**

*Approved major for this certification:* Spanish.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4321 or 4322; EDUC 4326.

*\*Take the diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4316. (Take professional practices course if required.)

*\*Take the content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4686 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass the content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

### **EC-Grade 12 Special Education\*\***

*Approved majors for this certification:* Child/Family Studies (Special Populations minor). \*\*\*Stand alone" Special Education certification is recommended only for students seeking to teach in "life skill" classrooms. Students seeking to teach in content areas, including elementary resource or inclusion settings, should seek the Generalist EC-6 or Generalist 4-8 certification with Special Education EC-12 or a secondary content teaching field with a Special Education supplement.

**Phase I:** PSYC 3341 or equivalent, EDUC 3352 or equivalent, EDUC 4362.

*\*Apply for admission to program prior to registration for Phase II courses.*

**Phase II:** EDUC 4310, EDUC 4313, EDUC 4353, EDUC 4354, EDUC 4355, EDUC 4324, EDUC 4325 or EDUC 4327.

*\*Take the appropriate diagnostic tests for the TExES prior to registration for Phase III courses.*

**Phase III:** EDUC 4352, EDUC 4356. *(Take professional practices course if required.)*

*\*Take content-area TExES and PPR TExES. Apply for admission to student teaching.*

**Phase IV:** EDUC 4679 (Student Teaching); EDUC 4099 (Seminar).

*\*For completion of Seminar, pass content-area TExES and PPR TExES if not previously passed.*

## **Supplemental Certification**

Supplemental certifications are not “stand alone” certifications, i.e., they can only be added to a base certificate.

### **Bilingual Education (supplemental)**

EDUC 4362, EDUC 4329, EDUC 4315, EDUC 4317 or 4316, EDUC 4363.

### **English as a Second Language (supplemental)**

EDUC 4362, EDUC 4329, EDUC 4317 or 4316, EDUC 4336.

### **Special Education (supplemental)**

EDUC 3352, EDUC 4352, EDUC 4353, EDUC 4354, EDUC 4355, EDUC 4356.