

Have a degree? Want to be a teacher?

Texas State University
Educator Preparation Program



means application is required for this step



ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM*



Alternative Certification Program*

(Stand-Alone Certificate or alongside a Master's or Doctoral program)

Academic Departments and Program Advisors	Office of Educator Preparation
	<p>1. Admission to University – ApplyTexas OEP and Grad College are responsible for admission requirements and applications.</p> <p>2. Admittance to EPP – .net tool (no longer ePortfolio) OEP is responsible for admittance requirements and applications.</p>
<p>3. Certification Course Work Faculty determine the curriculum that is required and provide that information to OEP for Certification Plans.</p>	<p>4. Certification Plans – form on website OEP creates, distributes, and stores Certification Plans. The Certification Plan is a Texas Education Agency (TEA) required document that specifies the coursework, field experience, student teaching or internship, and tests that teacher candidates must complete to be eligible for teacher certification in the state of Texas. (tea.texas.gov "Becoming a Certified Texas Educator through a University Program")</p>
<p>5a. Pedagogy Courses: C&I Program Advisor provides guidance to candidates regarding schedule, substitutions, transfer coursework, and registration errors.</p>	
<p>5b. Content Courses (Secondary and All Level Certs): Departmental advisors provide guidance to candidates regarding schedule, substitutions, transfer coursework, and registration errors.</p>	
<p>6. TExES Exams Department Chairs and Faculty determine pre-requisites for taking exams and develop test preparation resources and activities.</p>	<p>7. TExES Exams – ePortfolio/Retake Form on website OEP processes initial Test Approval and Retake Approval applications and communicates instructions to students. Provides exam passing rates to Program Advisors and Department Chairs upon request.</p>
<p>8a. Student Teaching Program Advisors review content coursework for Student Teaching eligibility.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Students also pursuing a degree who choose to graduate prior to student teaching must reapply to university to be eligible to register for Student Teaching.</i></p>	<p>8b. Student Teaching - eportfolio OEP reviews pedagogy and EPP requirements for student teaching eligibility. OEP processes applications and requests placements.</p>
	<p>9. Certification Application – TEA Login OEP processes application for certification.</p>

*FUN FACT: According to recent changes in state law, the new definition for *Alternative Certification Program* means any program, including a university-based program, that results in certification only. The new definition for *Post-Baccalaureate Program* is a certification program that results in certification + graduate degree.

For now at Texas State, we will continue to use familiar terminology on applications and in Banner: Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification still means a student seeking stand-alone certification.