



## Alternative Teacher Certification Program

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING CENTER, 11111 Beamer Rd., Houston, TX 77089

### How to Apply

#### Program Pre-Requisites:

- Bachelor's degree or higher
- 2.5 GPA on all coursework
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended and/or official evaluation of foreign credentials sent from the university to the program
- TOEFLibt (passing scores required for applicants educated in a language other than English)
- THEA (passing scores required for applicants educated in an institution outside the U.S.)
- Core content requirements – 12 hours of coursework in a content area plus passing PACT scores
- Bilingual applicants must pass a target language proficiency test (BTLPT) and the bilingual supplemental or appropriate bilingual generalist test.
- Special Education applicants must pass the appropriate content area certification test and the special education examination

#### State Certification Structure and General Certification Requirements to Meet ESEA / NCLB:

- Applicants **must** present passing PACT score plus 12 hours of related coursework prior to program acceptance
- Bilingual, Special Education and English as Second Language (ESL) applicants must also submit passing scores on the related PACT exams prior to program acceptance

#### Pasadena ATCP Program Preferences:

- **Single Subject** – Allows a person to teach one subject – 24 subject hrs (12 upper level)
- **Composite Subject** – Allows a person to teach multiple subjects in a related field – 36-48 subject hrs (12 upper level)
- **Generalist** – Allows a person to teach core subjects – 24-36 subject hrs in English, math, science, social studies
- Coursework in English, science, math, social studies, fine arts, and PE are required for Generalist EC-6 certificate
- Coursework in English, science, math and social studies are required for Generalist 4-8 certificate

#### Teaching Possibilities:

- **Grades EC-6: (Bilingual & Special Ed Only):** Can teach up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade in core subjects
- **Grades 4-8: (Generalist, Bilingual & Special Ed):** Can teach from 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade in core subjects
- **Grades 8-12:** Can teach from 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade in qualifying content areas

#### What you do:

- Apply online at [www.pasadenaisd.org/atcp](http://www.pasadenaisd.org/atcp). **Application deadline - May 17, 2013.**
- Print and distribute three reference forms
- Submit official documents to ATCP (Official transcripts, PACT scores, TOEFLibt scores, THEA scores)
- Submit \$40 money order to ATCP (Non-refundable application fee)

#### What we do:

- Evaluate application for program requirements that meet the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) or No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements. **Only complete applications are evaluated**
- Send written notification to applicants who **do not** meet requirements
- Schedule individual and group interviews for qualifying applicants (2 tier interview process)
- Send written notification of acceptance / non-acceptance after group interview

# How the Program Works

## **Pre-Service Training** (spring and summer prior to entering the classroom)

- Minimum of 110 hours
  - Foundational skills for Pedagogy (Instructional Practices)
  - Field observations
- Effective Teaching Practices (ETP) curriculum sessions if employed

## **Internship/In-service Training** (teaching year) Position must be secured before this level of training takes place

- Ongoing trainings with ATCP
- ETP curriculum sessions
- Support from New Teacher Field Supervisor
- Support and observations with assigned mentor
- Appraisal by campus principal
- State certification exams

## **Employment:**

- Upon acceptance to ATCP, candidates may apply for teaching positions within PISD
- Positions applied for must correspond with certification areas qualified for
- Employment is not guaranteed

## **Salary:**

- Bachelor's degree - \$46,126 (2012-2013 first year teacher's starting salary with full benefits)
- Master's degree - \$1,000 more
- Stipends for Bilingual, Special Ed., Math and Science

## **Fees:**

- Training - \$4,500
- \$1,500 paid by intern - payroll deducted during initial teaching year
- \$3,000 waived with a 3 year commitment to the district
- Certifications and Fingerprinting – approximately \$200
- TExES or PACT Exams - \$120 per exam - all take a minimum of two exams, Special Ed. and ESL - three exams, Bilingual - four exams

Thank you for your interest in the Pasadena I.S.D. Alternative Teacher Certification Program (ATCP). This document provides general information about the program and answers some of the most frequently asked questions. Information is also available on our website at [www.pasadenaisd.org/atcp](http://www.pasadenaisd.org/atcp) or contact us at (713) 740-0029.

## **Online resources:**

Pasadena ISD ATCP- [www.pasadenaisd.org/atcp](http://www.pasadenaisd.org/atcp)  
Texas Education Agency – [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us)  
University Testing Services (THEA test site) – [www.las.uh.edu/uts](http://www.las.uh.edu/uts)  
TOEFL- Test of English as a Foreign Language- [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)  
Region IV – [www.exc4.net](http://www.exc4.net)  
ETS – [cms.texas.ets.org/epp/epppact](http://cms.texas.ets.org/epp/epppact)  
NES – [www.thea.nesinc.com](http://www.thea.nesinc.com)

## **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

The Pasadena Independent School District will not consider anyone for training by the Alternative Teacher Certification Program until the prerequisites are met. Selection of candidates is contingent upon the staffing needs of Pasadena I.S.D. Our Alternative Teacher Certification Program is a selective/competitive program. Not all who apply will qualify, and not all who qualify will be selected. Selection of candidates and hiring of intern teachers is at the sole discretion of the district. Applicants should not resign from their present positions until they have been offered an agreement for employment by the Pasadena Independent School District.