Lone Star Colleges – Alternative Teacher Certification Program

ATCP Information Sessions:

At LSC – University Park: First Tuesdays at 5:00 pm – Conference room 13.320
- 2014 - September 2, October 7, November 4
- 2015 - January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7

At LSC – Kingwood: Second Mondays at 5:00 pm – Classroom Bldg. A, room 111
- 2014 - September 8, October 13, November 10
- 2015 - January 12, February 9, March 2, April 13

Registration is not required, but it is best to call (281-312-1716) to confirm the meeting date, place and time in advance. It is recommended you attend an Information session.

Program: The Alternative Teacher Certification Program prepares teachers for Texas state certification to teach in Kindergarten – 12\textsuperscript{th} grade public schools in Texas. Students must apply, interview and be admitted to the program.

Time Commitment: The LSCS – ATCP is a state mandated 300 hour training program, which can be completed in as little as nine months with the clinical teaching option but candidates may take up to three years for the internship option.

Locations: Classes are offered face-to-face, hybrid and online so students from all campuses may participate.

Requirements: Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree with a GPA of at least 2.5 and be legally authorized to work in the United States. Limited exceptions to the GPA are allowed.

Job Prospects: Candidates who certify in high need areas of secondary math or science or who are bilingual in Spanish will have the best job prospects.

Potential Salary: $ 45,000 for a first year teacher in the Houston area ISDs.

For more information: E-mail ATCP@LoneStar.edu

Contacts for Program Questions and Admission:
ATCP@LoneStar.edu 281-312-1716 or 281-290-3957

1. What are the program qualifications?
   a. A bachelor’s degree from a U.S. institution or an international degree evaluated by a member of www.naces.org
   b. TOEFL –IBT, if your college level work was not taught in English
   c. Qualifying Exam in reading, writing and math, usually THEA or TSIA with scores on exams less than five years old. For applicants whose bachelor’s degree is not from a Texas institution, THEA is required.
   d. Legally able to work in the U.S.
   e. Program admission and acceptance
2. **How do I apply?**
   a. Click on Application (http://www.lonestar.edu/departments/education/ApplicationATCP.pdf)
   b. Applications accepted at the Continuing Education Offices at LSC-Kingwood, CLA 103

3. **How much does the program cost?** About $4,000 to $5,500 for tuition, fees, testing and textbooks.

4. **Is there financial aid?** No, but there is a payment plan for a limited time at the beginning of the Fall and Spring Semesters

5. **What can I teach?** You decide the subject and age student you have a passion for teaching. We help you qualify by either college level coursework or by passing the state required exam pre-admission. [http://cms.texes-ets.org/epp/epppact/](http://cms.texes-ets.org/epp/epppact/)

**How do I get started?**

A few simple questions will help you start on the path to becoming a teacher in Texas for K-12 students:

**Question 1:** Do you have a bachelor’s degree?

*Answer:* Yes – continue to Question #2

*Answer:* No – Please see a credit advisor for information on the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree OR our University partners (UHD, LSC-University Park, LSC-University Center) if you have some college hours. There are a few Career and Technical certifications that do not require a bachelor’s degree, Auto Mechanics, Cosmetology and Welding for example.

**Question 2:** Is your degree from the U.S.?

*Answer:* Yes – continue to Question #3

*Answer:* No – the degree must be evaluated by a member of [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org). Most students use the local SPANTRAN service. See the application for instructions. If you have no college coursework in which English was the language of instruction, you must take the TOEFL exam.

**Question 3:** Do you have college admission test scores that are less than 5 years old? (THEA or TSIA)

*Answer:* No – You may request testing permission once you submit your application fee, application and transcripts.

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**Please deliver the Application Packet to the CE Office at LSC-Kingwood, CLA 103**

Your application will be reviewed and you will be contacted for an interview.

**You may deliver or mail your application to:**

Lone Star College – Kingwood  
Attn: ATCP Program, Continuing Education, CLA 103  
20000 Kingwood Drive  
Kingwood, TX  77339-3801