Welcome Future Teachers!

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3 Steps to Completion

• **Step 1-**
  – Application and Acceptance Process
    • Qualifying Exam
    • Interview and Orientation, Receive Letter Of Acceptance
    • Complete 30 hours of Field Experience

• **Step 2-**
  – Coursework
    • Generalist EC – 6 or 4-8 and Special Education EC-12
    • All Other Certifications Program

• **Step 3-**
  – Clinical Teaching or Internship
  – Pass Certification exams for PPR and Content (TExES)
What is Needed for the Application Process?

- Application with $40 non-refundable fee
- Bachelors Degree, except for CTE-Trade and Industrial certifications requiring work experience and licensing
- A minimum 2.5 GPA expected, 10% of our candidates may have an exception
- Transcripts from all colleges attended
- Qualifying Exam for entrance into the program
- Resume
- Three Professional References
- One Page Essay
- Certification Area – What age student and what subject will you teach?
Items needed when Application is submitted:

• Application form, completed with all documents below
  – $40 non-refundable fee and payment form
  – Transcripts – official, sealed
  – One page Essay
  – Resume
  – Qualifying exam scores

You will need to determine what you want to teach. In order to determine if we offer the content area you are interested in, please visit

http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/approvedprograms.asp
• A Bachelors Degree from an *accredited* university
• Students with an International degree will need to meet additional requirements
• Examples of hours needed for program acceptance
  – Generalist EC–6 or 4-8 and Special Education require 9 hours each in Math, Science, Social Studies and English
  – Other Certifications generally require 24 – 36 hours in that subject
  – Please talk with us individually about Career and Technical certifications such as Health Science Technology or Trade and Industrial certification

[Link to specific website](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=5351&menu_id=865&menu_id2=794)
• A minimum of a 2.5 GPA is required on all university course work, however programs are *allowed* to make exceptions for no more than 10% of accepted candidates.

• Your GPA may be calculated on the most recent 60 hours of course work for program admittance.

• A GPA below a 2.5 will require a letter of explanation attesting to reasons for the low GPA and assurance that you are now capable of professional level academic coursework.
• Official, sealed Transcripts from **all** colleges attended (including Lone Star) need to be included with your application. Order official transcripts sent to you. Leave the transcript sealed and submit with your application.

• Electronic or Faxed transcripts will not be permitted

• For transcripts from an international university a course by course evaluation is required by a member of www.NACES.org (SpanTran is local)
Qualifying Exams

Choose any one

- **THEA**
  - Reading 240, Writing 240, Math 230
  - Required if your degree is not from a Texas institution

- **COMPASS**
  - Reading 81, Writing 59, Algebra 39

- **ACCUPLACER**
  - Reading 78, Writing 80, Elem. Alg. 63

To schedule an exam contact the LSC testing center or visit [http://www.lonestar.edu/testing-centers](http://www.lonestar.edu/testing-centers)
Students with an International Degree

- Students who earned their highest degree from outside the United States must complete all application requirements as well as the following:

  - **Transcript Evaluation by a member of** [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org)
    The evaluation must be a course by course equivalency with upper/lower division, hours and grade points)

  - **Oral Proficiency Exam**- Required for students who earned their degree from a non-English speaking institution.
    - **Required TOEFL** 61 on TOEFL-iBT; speaking 26
Qualifying Exam Tips

- Exam needs to have been taken within the last 5 years

- COMPASS and ACCUPLACER can be taken at any LSC Assessment Center, no appointment needed and scores are immediately available

- Quick THEA – Given frequently $29, required exam if your bachelor degree is not from a Texas institution

- An application for the Qualifying Exam taken at an LSC-Assessment Center is included in the application packet
Reasons for the Qualifying Exam

- System –Wide Lone Star ATCP policy

- We feel our students need to demonstrate a standard above the state minimum.

- We want to be able to send the best candidates to the districts in our area.

- This policy makes it consistent for all students (even those in content areas that do not require a degree).

- To be successful in the program coursework and state testing, students need to be at college level for reading, writing and math.
Resume

- Resume should be geared towards education.
- Try to avoid technical wording or phrases if you have been in the corporate world.
- Emphasize ways you may have been involved in teaching or coaching students in your community.
Three Professional References

• Have your reference forms returned to you in sealed envelopes

• The references you choose need to know your work ethic and professionalism

• Great references are professors, a supervisor, a manager or co-workers

• References from friends and family members are not acceptable
Submit an essay of “Why I want to become a teacher.”

This serves as a writing sample

One page in length, not hand-written

Proofread your writing
What Do You Want to Teach?

• What is your passion?

• Refer to your transcripts
  – What classes do you have a “C or Better”? 
  – Do you have the hours to be accepted into the program?

• Do you need to take your content exam pre-admission? If you don’t have the coursework for the subject you want to teach, use the PACT (Pre-Admissions Content Test) option to be admitted into the program. 
http://www.texes.ets.org/epp/epppact/
Certification Areas

- **Early Childhood-12**
  - Art
  - Music
  - Physical Education
  - Technology Applications
  - Theatre

- **Elementary School**
  - EC-6 Generalist

- **Middle School**
  - ELAR
  - ELAR/Social Studies
  - *Generalist 4-8 (Recommended)*
  - Math
  - Math/Science
  - Science
  - Social Studies

- **Secondary School**
  - NOTE: Grade levels for most tests are changing 2013-14
  - Math
  - Science (Composite, 36 hours required)
  - Spanish
  - Speech
  - Social Studies (Composite, 36 hours required)

- **Supplemental Certifications**
  - Bilingual
  - ESL
  - Special Education
Additional Certifications

- Agricultural Science and Technology 6-12
- Business Education 6-12
- Chemistry 8-12
- Computer Science 8-12
- Dance 8-12
- Family and Consumer Science 6-12
- Health EC-12
- Health Science Technology Education 8-12
- Journalism 8-12
- Marketing Education 8-12
- Physical Science/Mathematics/Engineering 8-12
- Physics/Mathematics 8-12
- Technology Education 6-12
- Trade and Industrial Education 8-12
What am I Qualified to Teach?

- **Art EC-12**
  24 semester hours in Art

- **Business Education 6-12**
  24 semester hours in Business Courses

- **ELAR 4-8 or 8-12 English Language Arts & Reading**
  24 semester hours in English

- **Generalist EC-6 and 4-8**
  36 semester hours in a combination of subjects
  9 semester hours each in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies
What am I Qualified to Teach?

- **History 8-12**
  24 semester hours in History

- **Life Sciences 8-12**
  24 semester hours in Biology or Life Science

- **Math 4-8 or Math 8-12**
  24 semester hours in Math

- **Music EC-12**
  24 semester hours in Music

- **Science 8-12**
  36 hours in natural sciences-biology, chemistry, physics, geology, earth science, astronomy
What am I Qualified to Teach?

- **Physical Education EC-12**
  24 semester hours in Physical Education

- **Physical Science 8-12**
  24 semester hours in Chemistry and Physics

- **Social Studies 4-8**
  24 semester hours in Social Studies

- **Social Studies Composite 8-12**
  36 semester hours in Social Studies - Political Science, Government, History, Geography, Economics
What am I Qualified to Teach?

• LOTE-Spanish, LOTE-French and LOTE-Chinese
  24 semester hours in language coursework
  native speakers must have coursework

• Technology Applications 8-12
  24 semester hours in Technology

• Trade and Industrial Education 8-12
  – TExES Exam # 170 PPR for Trade and Industrial Education
  – 3-5 years of full time wage earning experience in the last 8 years in one
    or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered
  – Current licensure, certification, or registration by a state or nationally
    recognized accrediting agency required.
Reasons for the PACT Option

- You do not have the hours from your transcripts to meet the qualifications for the certifications; “C or Better” in college courses

- PACT Option is only available **before** you are accepted into a certification program http://www.texas.ets.org/epp/epppact/

- PACT Option is not an exam. It is **when** you take your content exam (**before program admission**). You are not required to retake the exam after program admission or for certification.
REVIEW: What is Needed for the Application Process?

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- Resume
- Three Professional References
- One Page Essay
- Your choice of Certification Area
Interview and Orientation

• You will be invited to an Interview and Orientation by email when all parts of the application are submitted.

• Written and Oral interview in group sessions.

• Power Point Presentation- Maximum 5 minutes.

• Requirements for 30 hours field experience will be discussed.

• Requirements for Clinical Teaching and Internship will be discussed.
The ATCP Letter of Acceptance (LOA) will be given when *all* conditions have been met.

- Content test approval will be granted when you receive your letter of acceptance (LOA).
- Coursework, review session or evidence of study materials will be required if you need additional permissions for taking the content test.
- You must register and pay for a PPR course when you receive your acceptance letter.
- PPR test permission will be granted after successful completion of the class **AND** the Test Review/Test Preparation class.
After your acceptance into the program, the 30 hours of field experience must be completed. The hours are usually completed during the PPR class.

Detailed instructions for field experience will be discussed during the Interview and Orientation.

Your field experience log and reflections must be completed and turned into the ATCP office before you may begin clinical teaching or an internship.
You will choose a content course, based on your certification area.

- Generalist EC – 6 or 4-8 or Special Education EC-12
- All Other Certifications Program
Coursework for Generalist EC–6 & 4–8 and Special Education EC-12

Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities – $781 (108 hours)

Generalist Teacher Preparation – $415 (48 hours)

Components of Special Education - $415 (48 hours)

TExES Test Review/Test Prep - $106 (7 hours)
Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities – $781 (108 hours)

Creating Successful Classrooms - $415 (48 hours)

Components of Special Education - $415 (48 hours)

TExES Test Review/Test Prep- $106 (7 hrs)
Open Enrollment

• All classes offered by LSC – ATCP are Continuing Education classes
  – It is highly recommended to register for classes 10 days prior to the start of class

• These classes are all open enrollment courses
  – They can be taken prior to acceptance into the program

• Once a class begins, *NO refunds* may be given if you are unable to attend the class.
  – You must drop the class *before it begins* to be eligible for a refund
• Clinical Teaching or Internship
  • You must successfully complete either clinical teaching or internship to complete the program and receive standard Texas teacher certification.

• TExES Exams (PPR and Content)
  • You must pass at least two state certification exams to receive standard Texas teacher certification.
  • Bilingual candidates must pass **four** certification exams
    • Generalist EC-6
    • Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
    • Bilingual Supplemental
    • Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test – BTLPT
Clinical Teaching

- One Semester
- Non-contract
- Non-paid
- You are placed in a cooperating district/school in the area by our program
- Assigned to a Mentor teacher chosen by the principal
- A field supervisor will be assigned for you by the program
- Cost $926
Requirements Prior to Clinical Teaching

• Officially accepted into LSC ATCP

• Submit application for Clinical Teaching

• Complete the PPR class and ideally other classes also

• Pass Content TExES exam

• 30 hours Field Experience and reflections completed and turned into the ATCP Office
Requirements During Clinical Teaching

- Attend 24 hour pre-service training before clinical teaching

- 12 week (60 actual days on campus) full time assignment of teaching with a mentor teacher

- On-line Clinical Teaching support course

- Attend a two day post-service training after Clinical Teaching
Internship

- One full school year or 180 days
- You interview with the districts and find your teaching position
- Contract with a school district in the Greater Houston area
- Paid - you are a first year teacher
- You must be classroom “teacher of record” for students
- A mentor will be assigned to you by your principal and a field supervisor will be assigned to you by LSC
- Cost $937.50 each of two semesters to Lone Star College
- Internship extension of $331 may be required
- $500 Mentor fee to your mentor (payroll deduction)
Requirements Prior to Internship

- Officially accepted into LSC ATCP
- Complete the PPR class
- 30 hours Field Experience and reflections completed and turned into the ATCP Office
- Pass Content TExES exam (Required by many ISDs)
  - Generalist and Special Education candidates are eligible for a probationary certificate after passing state content exams.
  - Bilingual candidates must pass BTLPT and the Bilingual Supplemental exam before a probationary is issued.
- Contact the ATCP Office immediately for Internship Paperwork when offered a classroom teacher contract
Registering for Internship

• When you are hired as the Teacher of Record (full time), bring a copy of your contract from your ISD to the office to fill out internship paperwork and registration forms.

• Pay for Internship and bring in Statement of Eligibility signed by your district representative.

• The program will recommend a probationary teacher certificate for you. Caution: You may not legally be the ‘teacher of record’ without a probationary certificate.
Requirements During Internship

Prior to OR during Internship:
- Complete any additional course work
- Pass the TExES Content Exam (caution: before hire is best and is required for Generalists, Special Education and Bilingual teachers, may be required by ISD)
- Pass the TExES PPR exam

During Internship:
- New Teacher Orientation
- On-line support course
- Pay Mentor fee of $500 to your assigned mentor
- Attend Intern Completer’s meeting
Tests Required

• Qualifying Admission Exam
  THEA, COMPASS or ACCUPLACER taken before program admission

• TExES Content Exam
  Taken pre-admission (PACT) or after acceptance

• TExES PPR Exam
  Taken after both the PPR class and the PPR Test Prep class is completed
  Taken after program acceptance

• Additional Certification Exams
  Recommended Special Education, ESL, Bilingual
**Bilingual Elementary Teacher**  
**Tests Required for Certification**

- 191 Generalist EC-6
- 160 PPR EC-12
- 164 Bilingual Education Supplemental
- 190 Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT)
  - Webinar for the BTLPT is located on the website listed below
  - 190, 191 and 164 must be passed before accepting a teaching position
- Site helpful for Testing materials:  
  http://www.texes.ets.org/texes/prepMaterials/
Additional Requirements

- Fingerprinting
- Background Checks – depends on district
- SBEC certifications – Probationary Certificate and Standard Certificate
- I-9 requirements for work status required by most districts
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• This program does not qualify for ‘traditional’ financial aid

• CE Policy: **No refunds** will be issued once classes begin
Check for understanding: What are the 3 Steps?

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Websites for Your Reference

- http://www.lonestar.edu/cte-education
- www.tea.state.tx.us
- www.texes.ets.org
- www.lonestar.edu/testing
- www.algebrahelp.com
- http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/
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