Lone Star Colleges – Alternative Teacher Certification Program

ATCP Information Sessions:

At LSC – University Park: First Tuesdays at 5:00 pm – EMI Building, Room 144
2015 – November 3
2016 – January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2
www.lonestar.edu/maps-universitypark.htm

At LSC – Kingwood: Second Mondays at 5:00 pm – Classroom Bldg. A, room 111
2015 – November 9
2016 – January 11, February 8, March 7, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8
http://www.lonestar.edu/maps-kingwood.htm

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 – 12th 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 three semesters for Clinical Teaching or four semesters for Internship.

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: $ 50,000 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 [see attachment](#)
   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.texas-ets.org/epp/epppact/](http://cms.texas-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.

You may deliver or mail your application, $40 fee and other documents to:

Lone Star College – Kingwood
ATCP Office, CLA Bldg., 103
20000 Kingwood Drive
Kingwood, TX  77339-3801