

Teacher Certification

Teacher Certification College of Education

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates desiring Early Childhood to Grade 6, Grades 4 to 8, Grades 8 to 12, or all-level teacher certification are required to complete the following procedures toward teacher certification: (1) admission to and completion of the Educator Preparation Program, (2) approval to take and passing the appropriate TExES tests, and (3) recommendation for certification. The State Board of Educator Certification will also require candidates to submit fingerprints for a national background check in order to issue a certificate.

Post-Baccalaureate Certification

Students seeking teacher certification who hold a baccalaureate degree should consult with the College of Education Certification Office. Candidates will receive a customized plan to meet state certification requirements.

Procedures for Admission to the Educator Preparation Program

Candidates apply for admission to the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) when they have completed at least 60 semester credit hours. Instructions for applying to the EPP are available on the College of Education Website (www.angelo.edu/dept/ceducation/onlineapplications.html).

At the time of application to the Educator Preparation Program, all applicants must demonstrate that they have:

1. Completed 60 SCH with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.500 at the time of application to the Educator Preparation Program.
2. Completed at least 12 SCH in the major/teaching field coursework with no grade lower than a C and a GPA greater than 2.50.
3. Completed the coursework to demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, mathematics, and communication. To demonstrate proficiency, the candidate must complete the following with a grade of C or better:
 - a. Reading - History 1301 and 1302, or Government 2301 and 2301
 - b. Writing - English 1301 and 1302
 - c. Mathematics - Mathematics 1302 or equivalent
 - d. Oral Communication - Communication 2301 or 2331
4. Have met the requirements of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI). The TSI skill requirements are normally met at the time of admission to the university or through required coursework. For more information about the TSI, visit the Angelo State University TSI website (www.angelo.edu/dept/admissions/tsi.html).
5. Angelo State University's candidates demonstrate acceptable teacher behavior. Candidates will be evaluated on these behaviors through the assessment of teacher dispositions. At the point of admission to the Educator Preparation Program, students are required to review and accept the unit's dispositions. To view the dispositions visit: (www.angelo.edu/dept/ceducation).

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Procedures for Admission to the Student Teaching Program

Candidates applying for the Student Teaching Program must:

1. Attend a student teaching application meeting in the long semester prior to student teaching. Dates and times will be announced and posted at the beginning of each long semester in the University Calendar, as well as in the dates of Importance on The College of Education website.
2. Submit an application for student teaching. (See University Calendar for deadlines.) Application forms are available on the College of Education website (www.angelo.edu/dept/ceducation).
3. A degree plan or post-baccalaureate certification plan must be on file in the College of Education office prior to applying to student teaching.

At the time of application, all applicants must have completed:

1. All of the criteria for admission to the Educator Preparation Program,
2. A minimum of 95 SCH with a cumulative grade point average of 2.500, and
3. All applicable requirements listed below.

All applicants must possess sound physical health, sound mental health, and acceptable moral character. The Admission, Retention, and Dismissal Committee may require the candidate to undergo physical and/or psychiatric evaluation.

Student Teaching Eligibility Requirements

Note: Candidates should consult their degree plans for reference to required courses in their major. Any deficiencies or requirement listed below must be corrected:

1. By the end of the second summer term for fall student teaching, or
2. By the end of the fall semester for spring student teaching.

Certification: Grades 8 to 12 and All-Level

Candidates pursuing grades 8 to 12 or all-level certification in an area where the semester hour requirement for the major is:

1. If the degree major has 30-42 semester hours must have grade point averages in the major of 2.500 (cumulative and in residence) with no grade lower than a C in all required courses completed and must have completed a minimum 24 semester hours (including 9 advanced hours) in order to be eligible to student teach.
2. If the degree major has more than 42 semester hours must have grade point averages in the major of 2.500 (cumulative and in residence) with no grade lower than a C in all required courses completed and must have completed a minimum of 48 semester hours (including 18 advanced) in order to be eligible to student teach. Music majors must also satisfy music proficiency requirements.
3. Candidates must have completed all required advanced Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities courses (Education 4321, Education 4322, Educational Psychology 3303 (Kinesiology 4357 for all level physical education) and Reading 4320 with grade point averages of 2.500 (cumulative and in residence) with no grade lower than a C in order to be eligible to student teach.

Candidates seeking additional certification areas must meet the same requirements as listed above.

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Certification: Early Childhood Education to Grade 6 and Grades 4 to 8

Candidates pursuing Early Childhood Education to Grade 6 and Grades 4 to 8 certification must complete the following to be eligible to student teach (Internship II).

1. Except for courses used as electives, a grade of "C" or better is required on all course work.
2. Candidates pursuing Early Childhood to Grade 6 certification must complete all courses in the interdisciplinary major in order to be eligible to student teach with a GPA of at least 2.5 with no grade lower than a "C". All candidates are required to complete Practicum courses) as a block prior to student teaching, with a GPA of at least 2.5 with no grade lower than a "C".
3. Candidates pursuing grades 4 to 8 certification in English Language Arts and Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and 4-8 Generalist, must complete all courses in the interdisciplinary major with a GPA of at least 2.5 with no grade lower than a "C" in order to be eligible to student teach. Candidates are required to complete Practicum I courses as a block prior to student teaching.

The Admission, Retention, and Dismissal Committee of the Teacher Education Council must approve all applications for student teaching. Candidates who wish to appeal any of the admission requirements must petition the Chair.

TEXES ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

All candidates must pass two certification examinations - one in the content area and one in pedagogy and professional responsibilities. In order for candidates at Angelo State University to be approved to take the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TEXES) they must have completed the certification program requirements for each examination.

TEXES Approval Procedure

- The College of Education Certification Office must receive approval from the candidate's major department before he or she will be allowed to register for a content area examination.
- Candidates must have met the requirements and been admitted to the Educator Preparation Program.
- Candidates will be approved to take the grade-level appropriate Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities examination during the student teaching semester.

TEXES Registration Procedure

Registration for the TEXES examination is online. Instructions for the online registration process are located on the College of Education website at www.angelo.edu/dept/ceducation. Candidates needing special testing arrangements should notify the Director of Certification in the College of Education for registration assistance.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFICATION

In order for Angelo State University to recommend a candidate for certification, the candidate must have earned a 2.500 overall grade point average, must have completed all required courses in the teacher certification areas with a grade point average of 2.500 and with no grade lower than a C. In addition, the candidate must have earned a 2.500 grade point average in all advanced Education and Reading courses. All other university requirements must be completed and the candidate must possess a degree. All required state certification tests must be passed. The candidate must also continue to demonstrate sound physical health, sound mental health, and acceptable moral character.

It is the candidate's responsibility to inform the College of Education that all certification requirements have been completed, and to ensure that all appropriate forms and fees have been submitted. Individuals must apply for certifications online at the State Board for Educator Certification's website (www.sbec.state.tx.us).

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION CONTENT AREAS

Elementary Certifications - Early Childhood - Grade 6

ECH-6 Generalist

ECH-6 Generalist with EC-12 Special Education

Middle School Certifications - Grades 4 - 8

4-8 English Language Arts and Reading

4-8 Generalist

4-8 Mathematics

4-8 Science

4-8 Social Studies

Secondary Certifications - Grades 8 - 12

8-12 Chemistry

8-12 Communication (Speech)

8-12 Computer Science

8-12 English Language Arts and Reading

6-12 French

6-12 German

8-12 History

8-12 Journalism

8-12 Life Science

8-12 Mathematics

8-12 Mathematics-Physics

8-12 Social Studies

6-12 Spanish

All-Level Teacher Certifications - Grades EC-12

Art

Music

Physical Education

Theatre

Supplemental Certifications

Bilingual Supplemental Certification - Grades ECH-4 or Grades 4-8

Special Education Supplemental Certification