

THE MISSION of the Texas - ACP is to recruit, train, and support each program participant, thereby providing school districts with the necessary tools and resources so that, as intended by

the “No Child Left Behind” legislation, every child begins the school year with a highly qualified teacher.



PROGRAM FEES

Application Fee: \$50

Training Fee: \$350

*Internship Program Fee: \$3,600

The Internship Fee will be due once the candidate secures a teaching position. This fee will be payroll deducted monthly for 10 months

* A \$1,000 fee will be charged for each additional year of support for interns who continue pursuing their certification, as long as the employee school district wishes to continue the intern’s employment

* A \$250 per semester fee will be assessed for candidates who wish to continue receiving services after a year of applying to the program. The program year consists of three semesters

Acceptance into and/or participation in the program does not constitute a guarantee of employment or certification.

All fees are NON-REFUNDABLE

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

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What is Alternative Certification?

Alternative certification programs evolved out of a perceived need to not only address teacher shortages, but also to improve the quality of teaching. The increase in student population, teacher retirement and resignations, as well as concern for the quality of teaching has led to the development of Alternative Education Programs.



FACT: By 1998, 41 states reported having an alternative certification program.

FACT: Over 100,000 individuals have been certified through these programs.

What is the Texas-ACP?

The Texas Alternative Certification Program is a one year preparation program designed to identify, select, train, and certify top quality teacher-candidates through a series of workshops, seminars, field activities, and an internship. We are approved by the Texas Education Agency and the State Board for Educator Certification.

The Texas-ACP is designed and implemented by former university professors who have served as educational consultants, educational program coordinators, grant writers, and private and public school educators.

Pre-Test Seminar

The Pre-Test Seminar is provided for all teacher-candidates prior to signing up for a TExES exam. This seminar will provide an awareness of the TExES framework, test-taking skills, and test-preparation skills. It will help increase test familiarity to assess the individual's strengths and weaknesses.



Pre-Service Training Requirement

A Pre-Service Training Academy is conducted for all teacher-candidates. It provides the individual the opportunity to assess his/her understanding, suitability, and commitment to the teaching profession. Not only will the seven week academy help increase the candidate's knowledge, but it will also increase opportunities for hire.

Pre-Service Field Component

Teacher-candidates are required to participate in a minimum of forty-five hours of classroom observation and/or field experiences. These experiences provide opportunities to better evaluate the candidate's teaching desire as it allows for the observation of appropriate instructional methods and effective classroom management strategies. Participation in the pre-testing seminar, pre-service training academy and field experience component is required.



Entry Requirements

1. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution or the equivalent.
2. Minimum overall GPA of 2.5
3. THEA scores of:
240 in Reading
230 in Writing
230 in Mathematics, **or**
GRE scores of:
450 Verbal
3.5 - 4.0 Writing
511 Quantitative, **or**
A's and B's on college English and Mathematics or equivalent coursework, **or**
Meet any of the Texas Success Initiative rules
4. Minimum of 24 hours of coursework in a content area (12 hours upper division). For Generalists and Special Education candidates, a minimum of 24 hours of coursework in a combination of subjects which include English, Math, Science, and Social Studies with combined minimum GPA of 2.5 and a passing score on the appropriate TExES exam.
5. Teacher-candidates will take a Reading Comprehension Assessment.
6. Teacher-candidates who come from a country or university where English was not the language of instruction must pass the TOEFL with a score of 75 on the internet-based exam or 500 on the paper-based exam.