



Alternative Certification Preparation Pathway

Program Overview

The Alternative Certification Preparation Pathway at A&M- Central Texas (ACPP) is designed to accelerate the preparation of quality educators in face of the state's teacher shortage. Leveraging the content-area expertise obtained through your bachelor's degree, the program provides a solid foundation of strong classroom management techniques and effective teaching skills and strategies.

Alternative Certification Preparation Pathway	
Semester Credit Hours	18
Program Duration	12-18 months
Tuition & Fees	\$7,028*
	<i>*Based on FY23 T&F Charts</i>
Application	\$35
Testing Fees	Varies
Internship Fees	\$2,000
Teaching Internship	Begin in as few as 4 months

Following successful completion of the first semester of courses that consists of four (4) foundational online courses and the appropriate content-area TExES examination(s), students will be eligible to seek employment as a full-time teacher intern, with full salary and benefits, in one of our many surrounding school districts. Students can complete all remaining program requirements and apply for **standard Texas Educator certificate** following successful completion of their first year of teaching in the classroom.

Program Calendar

The Alternative Certification Preparation Pathway offers two start dates every year (August and January). The first semester, regardless of start date, will consist of 12 semester credit hours (4 foundational courses) and completed 100% online. The two (2) remaining courses required in the program will be completed in each subsequent semester of your one (1) year internship as a full-time teacher.

Application Process

1. Send official transcripts to the university
2. [Apply to the university](#) for the Masters of Art in Teaching program (You will do the ACP route without a degree or you have the option of completing the degree after certification).
3. Review [TEA information](#) and select what you want to teach (certification area*)
 - a. *TAMUCT may not be approved for ALL certification areas
4. Create a [TEA user account](#)
5. Apply to the Educator Preparation Program – [Dynamic Forms Application](#)
 - a. Applicants will need a university student email and log in through Duo
 - b. Contact [Technology Help Desk](#) for assistance logging into Dynamic Forms if needed
 - c. Attach required documents to the application



Alternative Certification Preparation Program Coursework

Graduate Courses for EC-6, 4-8 (ELAR), and ALSE	
¹ EDUC 5314	Creating and Managing Learning Environment (30 hours school placement)
¹ EDUC 5311	Methods of Effective Teaching (TEExES Content Exam)
¹ READ 5370	Literacy Development (STR)
¹ SPED 5305	Introduction to Exceptional Learners
² EDUC 5384	Internship I
³ EDUC 5385	Internship II (PPR)

¹Course taken prior to accepting a teaching position (online-two classes first term/two classes second part of term)

²Course taken during 1st practicum (face-to-face-select Saturdays)

³Course taken during 2nd practicum (face-to-face-select Saturdays)

Graduate Courses for 4-8 (Mathematics and SS) and 7-12 Certification	
¹ EDUC 5314	Creating and Managing Learning Environment (30 hours school placement)
¹ EDUC 5311	Methods of Effective Teaching (TEExES Content Exam)
¹ READ 5335	Literacy in the Secondary Classroom
¹ SPED 5305	Introduction to Exceptional Learners
² EDUC 5384	Internship I
³ EDUC 5385	Internship II (PPR)

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