The Teacher Preparation Program is an accelerated route to classroom teaching for a college graduate.

Quality training and classroom support are our key components.

**Effective Training** | **Excellent Test Record** | **Strong Support System**

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The Teacher Preparation Program offers a program that leads to Texas teacher certification in the following areas:

**EC-6**
- Core Subjects

**EC-12**
- Special Education
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Technology Applications
- Health
- LOTE Spanish & French

**Grades 4-8**
- Core Subjects
- English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR)
- ELA and Reading/Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Mathematics/Science
- Science
- Social Studies

**Grades 7-12**
- ELA and Reading
- History
- Life Science
- Mathematics
- Physical Science (6-12)
- Chemistry
- Science
- Social Studies
- Speech

**Critical Teacher Shortage Areas**
- Bilingual
- Math
- Science
- Special Education
- Foreign Languages
- Computer Science (8-12)
- Technology Education (6-12)
- Journalism (7-12)
- Marketing Education (6-12)
- ROTC (6-12)

**Supplemental Certification:** Bilingual • English as a Second Language

**HOW TO APPLY**

- To expedite the application process, it is recommended that the applicant ensure that requirements for core courses and GPA are met prior to submitting an application. Due to the volume of applications, individual consultation to make such determinations cannot be provided by TPP staff. The TPP program at ESC Region 11 provides training and support during the internship year. Applications are accepted for summer and fall cohorts.

- Send the following items to ESC Region 11 after submitting the online application and $75 application fee (nonrefundable):
  1. Sealed official transcript(s) mailed to ESC Region 11 from EACH college attended
  2. Two professional references required on ESC Region 11 Reference Form
  3. If needed, documentation of Acceptable Basic Skills Requirements — THEA (formerly TASP), TSI documentation, ACT, SAT, as mandated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. An applicant with a bachelor’s degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution of higher learning as recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is not required to submit basic skills scores.

  **NOTE:** Application will not be processed until all required documents are received.

Once it has been determined that an applicant meets the GPA requirements, the Nelson Denny reading assessment will be scheduled. If the applicant receives an acceptable score on the reading assessment, a phone interview will be conducted. Applicants seeking bilingual or Spanish certification will be required to pass the state language proficiency exam through the PACT process (Bilingual = BTLPT, Test Code 190) (Spanish [secondary level] = LOTE - Spanish, Test Code 613) or other approved assessment for entrance only.

**Applicants Degreed Outside of the United States**

Original transcripts and a “detailed evaluation” from an accredited credentialing service must be submitted. TOEFL ibt test required for English proficiency (see Application Information on our Web site).

**INTERN FEES (NON-REFUNDABLE)**

The fees and program costs noted below are the responsibility of the applicant. Fees are nonrefundable and subject to change without notice.

**General Intern Fees (for all TPP interns)**
- Application fee — $75
- State technology fee - $55 due upon acceptance
- Pre-assignment training fee — $800 ($400 due upon registration and $400 due midway through training)
- Probationary or Intern Certificate — $78; issued by SBEC
- Post-assignment fee — $3,960 (Interns: eight payments of $495, may be payroll deducted; Clinical Teachers: $500 due at Clinical Teacher Orientation, then five payments of $692)
- TExES exam fee — $134.20 each test
- Standard Certificate — $78; issued by SBEC
- National criminal background check — $37.75 fingerprinting fee to SBEC when applying for probationary certificate and $10.00 for Morpho Trust services
- Pre-Assignment Extension Fee - $300
- Updater fees of $200 are nonrefundable
- 2nd Change-of-content and test prep fee — $100
- Out-of-Region 11 intern fee — $500 (if employment is 75+ miles from ESC and district is not in region)
- If a person has to continue for a second year—$2,000

**Possible additional fees:**

1. PACT test Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT) Spanish — $131 + $75 score verification for EC-6 or 4-8 Bilingual Generalist (see www.texes.ets.org)
2. PACT test Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Spanish or French for EC-12 Spanish or French — $134.20 + $75 score verification (see www.texes.ets.org)
3. Written-response score verification ELAR (7-12) — $40
**TPP Entrance Requirements**

1. Initial entry requirements for all certification areas include:
   - Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
   - 2.75 GPA overall OR in the last 60 hours of college coursework
   - Acceptable score on *Nelson-Denny (reading comprehension)
   - Successful phone interview
   - Acceptable Basic Skills requirements per the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Applicant’s holding a minimum of a bachelor’s degree from a US regionally accredited institution of higher learning do not have to submit basic skills scores. Applicants with a foreign transcript evaluation documenting the equivalent of a bachelor’s degree must also demonstrate college level skills via the THEA and TOEFL-iBT.)

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<th>Certificate</th>
<th>TPP Entrance Requirements</th>
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<td>Early Childhood — Grade 6</td>
<td>Core Subjects</td>
<td>• A total of 36 semester hours including a minimum of 9 semester hours each in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Natural Science with a GPA of 2.50 in these 24 semester hours</td>
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<td>*Bilingual Supplemental</td>
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<td>Can be added to any certificate</td>
<td>English as a Second Language Supplemental</td>
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<td>Highly recommended for Core Subjects certificate as an additional certificate</td>
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<td>Grades 4 — 8</td>
<td>Core Subjects</td>
<td>• A total of 48 semester hours in core subjects including a minimum of 12 semester hours each in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Natural Science with a GPA of 2.50 in these 36 semester hours</td>
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<td>• Must include college Algebra or higher (not a pre-college Algebra course)</td>
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<td>(This certificate allows a person to teach English, Reading, Science, Math, and Social Studies for grades 4-8 only.)</td>
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<td>Grades 4 — 8</td>
<td>English Language Arts &amp; Reading (ELAR)</td>
<td>• A total of 18 semester hours in the area to be taught with a GPA of 2.50 in these 18 semester hours</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Math Certificate must include college Algebra as part of 18 semester hours</td>
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<td>Grades 4 — 8</td>
<td>ELAR/Social Studies</td>
<td>• A total of 36 semester hours (18 hours in each subject area) with a GPA of 2.50 in these 36 semester hours</td>
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<td>• Must include college Algebra (Math content area)</td>
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<td>Grades 7 — 12</td>
<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>• A total of 24 semester hours with 12 hours being upper level in the subject to be taught with a GPA of 2.50 in these 24 semester hours</td>
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<td>Computer Science (8-12)</td>
<td>• Teach at least 60% of the day in the certificate content area</td>
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<td>Science (composite certificate)</td>
<td>• A total of 36 semester hours including 18 semester hours of upper-level courses with 12 semester hours in a single area and a minimum of six semester hours must be completed in each area (below) with a GPA of 2.50 in these 36 semester hours</td>
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<td>Social Studies (composite certificate)</td>
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<td>EC — 12</td>
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<td>• A total of 24 semester hours including a minimum of 3 semester hours each in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Natural Science with a GPA of 2.50 in these 24 semester hours</td>
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<td><em>(A core subjects certificate is also required to meet No Child Left Behind.)</em></td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>• *Documented language proficiency at time of admission for Spanish and French LOTE EC-12</td>
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*Individuals who do not have the required transcript hours may use a passed content exam in lieu of hours. More information about PACT (Pre-Admission Content Testing) may be found at [http://cms.texas-ets.org/epp/](http://cms.texas-ets.org/epp/).

**Definitions of Courses**

- **Upper level:** courses taken at a junior and senior level
- **English:** composition and literature
- **Mathematics:** awarded a grade and semester credit hours for math
- **Natural Science:** biology, chemistry, geology/earth science/physical science, physics
- **Social Studies:** government, history, economics, geography
AFTER APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED

• Early receipt of a completed file will expedite the applicant’s opportunity for an interview and subsequent acceptance into the Teacher Preparation Program.

• Individuals not meeting requirements will be notified in writing. All deficiencies must be corrected/received by the application deadline.

• Acceptance into the Teacher Preparation Program is based upon meeting all entrance requirements.

Required TPP Training

• Orientation

• Foundations of Education online course

• State certification content test review

• Field-based Experience (including classroom observations)

• Pre-assignment training (see calendar on Web site)

• Post-assignment training (scheduled on designated Saturdays during the school year) or post-assignment training for clinical teaching

OBTAINING A TEACHING POSITION WITH A DISTRICT

Individuals accepted into the program will be referred to regional school districts that have available teaching positions; however, individuals are responsible for securing their own teaching positions. Districts interview approved candidates and make decisions about contract offers. To assist interns in obtaining employment, ESC Region 11 sends out current available intern names and contact information to prospective school employers. Approved candidates must complete all ESC Region 11 pre-assignment training and the Field-Based Experience prior to assuming teaching duties. Candidates also have the option of requesting Clinical Teaching, which is a 14-week, non-paid clinical teaching experience in lieu of a one-year paid internship working towards certification once pre-assignment training is complete and content test is passed. ESC Region 11 assists in the placement of all clinical teaching assignments.

ESC Region 11 offers no guarantee of employment, even if the initial program requirements are met.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The ESC Region 11 Teacher Preparation Program provides a support system for each intern or clinical teacher, including a consultant and a facilitator who will conduct classroom observations and provide instructional feedback. Each intern or clinical teacher will also have a district mentor teacher and a district administrator to provide support in the classroom or clinical teaching assignment.

At the conclusion of the internship year or clinical teaching assignment and successful completion of all program benchmarks, the intern or clinical teacher will be recommended for Texas certification by the TPP director. This recommendation is based on recommendations from the campus principal, TPP field supervisor, and TPP staff.

For additional information, contact the ESC Region 11 Teacher Preparation Program at 1451 S. Cherry Lane, White Settlement, Texas, 76108; (817) 740-7614; Fax (817) 740-3669 • www.esc11.net/cert