

The University of Texas at San Antonio
 College of Education and Human Development (COEHD)
 POST-BACCALAUREATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
SPECIAL EDUCATION – Undergraduate Level Classes
For certification in grades EC-12

Student Name: _____

Banner ID: _____

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- _____ Attend a Teacher Certification Information Meeting;
- _____ Be admitted to UTSA;
- _____ Maintain your assigned UTSA e-mail address;
- _____ Hold a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited University:

_____ _____ (Degree-BA, MA, etc) _____ (University) _____ (Major) _____ (Date)

- _____ Meet minimum GPA requirements (on a 4.0 scale):
*Cumulative of 2.5 or better; or
 2.75 or higher in the last 60 hours; or
 Enrolling in 12 semester hours of upper division UTSA coursework (chosen with advisor approval and excluding restricted Education courses), earning a B or better in each course, and thereafter maintaining a 2.75 GPA in all coursework taken at UTSA or elsewhere leading to certification. A student selecting this option must meet the GPA requirement within four consecutive long semesters of initially enrolling in certification coursework after consulting with a COEHD advisor;*
- _____ Submit an application to the UTSA Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program;

_____ Because the State of Texas requires that teacher certification programs screen prospective teachers for public speaking ability, critical thinking skills, reading, writing and math abilities, you must evidence (by professional training or earning at least a C in related coursework) your basic skills in these areas.

Public Speaking: _____
 Critical Thinking: _____
 Reading: _____
 Writing: _____
 Math: _____

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

Acceptable transfer or UTSA courses may be counted if they have been taken within the last ten (10) years and if they fulfill the content and intent of the equivalent required course. The 10-year limit will be waived on general education or content area with a minimum passing score on the relevant TExES practice test. For further information about this testing option, please see a UTSA certification advisor. **Some courses require field experience. Refer to catalog for course descriptions and information about required fieldwork. Students must submit an authorization for a Texas Department of Public Safety criminal background report when registering for a field experience course.**

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

	Semester/Year	Grade Received	Hours
Rhetoric (6 hours)	_____	_____	_____
College-level Math (Coll. Algebra or higher)(3 hours)	_____	_____	_____
Science (6 hours)	_____	_____	_____
U.S. History (6 hours)	_____	_____	_____
Political Studies (6 hours)	_____	_____	_____
Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)	_____	_____	_____
Economics (3 hours)	_____	_____	_____
Literature (3 hours)	_____	_____	_____
World Society & Issues (3 hours)	_____	_____	_____

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	Semester/Year	Grade Received	Hours
<u>PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION</u>			
IDS 2013 Intro to Learning and Teaching	_____	_____	_____
RDG 3813** Early Literacy Learning EC-4	_____	_____	_____
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION – (24 Hours) – Course Sequence</u>			
<u>Fall 1</u>			
SPE 3603 Introduction to Exceptionality	_____	_____	_____
SPE 3623** Assessment of Exceptional Children	_____	_____	_____
SPE 3643** Language Development & Dysfunction	_____	_____	_____
<u>Spring 1</u>			
SPE 3633 Behavior Management of Exc. Children	_____	_____	_____
SPE 4623** Math Inst. for Students w/Exceptionalities	_____	_____	_____
SPE 3653** Practicum in Spec. Ed. (Introduction)	_____	_____	_____
<u>Summer</u>			
SPE 4633** Funct. Curric. for Stud. w/Exceptionalities	_____	_____	_____
<u>Fall 2</u>			
SPE 4603** Working with Parents of Except. Child.	_____	_____	_____

**These courses with student teaching must be taken at UTSA. Courses are restricted to students admitted to the Teacher Certification Program. Advisor authorization is required for enrollment in these classes and may be applied for in the COEHD Advising and Certification Center three weeks prior to registration. Most restricted courses are offered during the fall and spring semesters only.

Final Semester

STUDENT TEACHING/INTERSHIP:

Student teaching is an essential component of the teacher certification program. All UTSA students should make plans to be available for full-time student teaching during the final semester. Student teaching is offered during the fall and spring semesters only. Students should apply for student teaching one long semester in advance.

Students who have extensive experience as an instructional assistant or as a permanent long-term substitute teacher may qualify for a Post-Baccalaureate internship. Specific requirements for and general information about the internship are available in the COEHD Advising and Certification Center. Students with two years of teaching experience in an accredited school (see Note 6 below) may request to use their applicable teaching experience in place of student teaching. If two years of teaching experience is substituted for student teaching, an additional six hours of upper division elective coursework is required in lieu of the six hours of student teaching. Coursework must be approved by an advisor prior to enrolling. Experience may be documented by submitting a service record or a letter from the headmaster/principal of the accredited school indicating the length of service and the subjects and grade levels taught.

Refer to UTSA catalog for course description and prerequisites.

C&I 4676 Student Teaching: Special Education _____ _____ _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS NEEDED _____



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EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

All candidates for certification in the state of Texas must pass state-mandated exams, the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). **TExES Practice Tests and/or review sessions (as applicable) are required before registering for a TExES exam.** For information about practice tests and review sessions, consult the COEHD website (http://coehd.utsa.edu/Students/TExAS/Home_TExES.htm) or contact the TExES Office Hotline at 458-5788. Information is also available on the bulletin board located outside of the TExES office (located in MB 0.500). Preparation manuals for all TExES exams are available at <http://www.texas.ets.org/>.

#160 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12

Date Passed

#161 Special Education EC-12

Date Passed

Prepared By: _____

Date: _____

Notes:

1. This Post-Baccalaureate Program is at the Undergraduate Level. If students apply to UTSA as Special (non-degree seeking) Undergraduates (SU), they will be changed to Certification Undergraduates (CU) upon consulting with an advisor and beginning the Certification Program. Please note that SU students have the lowest registration priority and are ineligible for most financial assistance programs.
2. Students interested in pursuing EC-4, EC-4 Bilingual, Special Education, 4-8 Math/Science or 8-12 Math or Science certification in a graduate level program should consult the UTSA Master of Arts in Education with a Concentration in Curriculum and Instruction (Teaching) program website at <http://isci.utsa.edu/Programs/MAECIT/Index.htm>.
3. The Academy for Teacher Excellence offers a graduate-level program leading to 4-8 or 8-12 Math or Science or 4-8 Math/Science certification through its ATEP program (Accelerated Teacher Education Program, or ATEP). For information, consult the ATE website at <http://educ3.utsa.edu/grants/ate/>.
4. Sequencing of the required Special Education courses in this program is important. Be sure to follow the sequence on page two.
5. After 3 consecutive semesters of non-enrollment in the University, a student becomes "inactive". If they re-enroll, they must re-apply to the program and meet the current admission standards.
6. An "accredited school" is (i) either a public school or charter school accredited by TEA and appearing in the Texas School Directory published by TEA and updated on its website at <http://askted.tea.state.tx.us/>, or (ii) a private school accredited by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC) and appearing in the list of Accredited Non-Public Schools as published by TEA and updated on its website at <http://askted.tea.state.tx.us/>. If the experience is earned in a school located in another state, the school must be accredited by a state agency equivalent to TEA.