

Changes for State

Bilingual Generalist/Generalist Early Childhood-Elementary Certifications

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State Certification Changes for Generalist Early Childhood-Elementary Certification

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) is making changes to the current list of teaching certificates available by adding the Generalist EC-6 Certification and phasing out the current Generalist EC-4 Certification by Summer 2010.

The following information is being provided to assist UTSA certification students with this transition.

Students will receive credit for taking the Generalist EC-4 Practice exam and attending the Generalist EC-4 Review until the Generalist EC-6 Practice exam and Generalist EC-6 review become available.

If you will be Student Teaching Spring 2009...

- And you have taken the Generalist EC-4 and PPR EC-4 state exams, then once certified you can challenge the Generalist EC-6 or Generalist 4-8 exam and add it to your certificate. (No additional PPR exam is required)
- And you have not taken a state exam; it is recommended you take the Generalist EC-4 and PPR EC-4 state exams before completing Student Teaching. Once you are a certified teacher you can challenge the Generalist EC-6 or Generalist 4-8 exam and add it to your certificate. (No additional PPR exam is required)
- And you want to delay your certification until the Generalist EC-6 exam is available on June 27, 2009, it is recommended you do not wait to take the PPR EC-6 exam, but take the PPR EC-12 exam in place of the PPR EC-6 exam.

If you will be Student Teaching Fall 2009...

- Then you will take the Generalist EC-6 and PPR EC-6 or PPR EC-12 state exams and be recommended for the Generalist EC-6 Certificate.
- And you have already taken the Generalist EC-4 and/or PPR EC-4, but want to be recommended for the Generalist EC-6 Certificate instead, you can request approval to take the Generalist EC-6 exam and/or PPR EC-6 exam to be recommended for the Generalist EC-6 Certificate. (Students will be responsible for paying the registration fees to take the additional exams)
- And if you have already taken the PPR EC-12 exam in place of the PPR EC-6 exam, then all you will be required to take is the Generalist EC-6 exam to be recommended for the Generalist EC-6 Certificate.

If you will be Student Teaching Spring 2010...

- Then you will take the EC-6 Generalist and EC-6 PPR state exams and be recommended for the EC-6 Generalist Certificate.

How to meet the “approval to test” requirements for the Generalist EC-4, Generalist EC-6, PPR EC-4 & PPR EC-12 Exams:

[Gen EC-4 Practice exam] + [Gen EC-4 Review] = **Generalist EC-4 Exam**

[Gen EC-4 Practice exam] + [Gen EC-6 Review] = **Generalist EC-6 Exam-*available June 27, 2009***

[Gen EC-6 Practice exam] + [Gen EC-6 Review] = **Generalist EC-6 Exam-*available June 27, 2009***

[PPR EC-4 or PPR EC-12 Practice exam]+ [PPR Review] = **PPR EC-4 Exam or PPR EC-12 Exam**

State Exam Combinations for Certification

During the transition period to the new Generalist EC-6 certification, the following exam combinations will be accepted for certification:

[Generalist EC-4 exam]+[PPR EC-4 or PPR EC-12 exam] = **Generalist EC-4 Certification**

[Generalist EC-6 exam]+[PPR EC-6 or PPR EC-12] = **Generalist EC-6 Certification- *available August 1, 2009***

State Certification Changes for Bilingual Generalist Early Childhood-Elementary Certification

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) is making changes to the current list of teaching certificates available by adding the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 Certification. The current Bilingual Generalist EC-4 Certification will be phased out by Summer 2011. The new Bilingual Generalist EC-6 exam will be available for test registration in November 2009. The following information is being provided to assist UTSA certification students with this transition.

Students with a Bilingual Generalist certification are certified to teach both Bilingual Education and ESL. Students will receive credit for taking the Bilingual Generalist EC-4 Practice exam and attending the Generalist EC-4 Review until the Bilingual Generalist EC-6/Generalist EC-6 Practice exams and Generalist EC-6 review become available.

Beginning June 2009, the “**NEW**” Bilingual Supplemental exam will be used in place of the current Bilingual Supplemental EC-4 and Bilingual Supplemental 4-8. The advantage of taking the “**NEW**” Bilingual Supplemental exam is that it will transfer to additional content areas if a student decides to challenge an exam after becoming a certified teacher. (**Example:** The student challenges the Math 4-8 exam, then is eligible to teach Bilingual Math 4-8)

If you will be Student Teaching Spring 2009...

- And you have taken the Bilingual Generalist EC-4 and PPR EC-4 state exams, then once you become a certified teacher you can challenge the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 exam or Bilingual Generalist 4-8 exam and add it to your certificate. (No additional PPR exam is required)
- And you have not taken a state exam; it is recommended you take the Bilingual Generalist EC-4 or the Generalist EC-4 and the “**NEW**” Bilingual Supplemental exam. The PPR EC-4 and/or EC-12 PPR and TOPT exams are also required to complete your certification requirements. The TOPT may be taken in place of the Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT) until August 2010.
- And you choose to wait until June 27, 2009 to take the Generalist EC-6 and the “**NEW**” Bilingual Supplemental in place of the Bilingual Generalist EC-4, then you will also have to take the PPR EC-6 or EC-12 PPR exam for certification.

If you will be Student Teaching Fall 2009...

- Then you will take the Bilingual Generalist EC-6, TOPT and PPR EC-6 state exams. The Bilingual Generalist EC-6 exam will be available in November of 2009.
OR
You can take the Generalist EC-6, “**NEW**” Bilingual Supplemental, TOPT and PPR EC-6 for Bilingual Generalist EC-6 Certification.
- And you choose to take the “**NEW**” Bilingual Supplemental, it will transfer to other content areas you decide to take once you are a certified teacher. [**Example:** take the Generalist 4-8, then you are eligible to teach Bilingual Generalist 4-8]

If you will be Student Teaching Spring 2010...

- Then you will take the Generalist EC-6, Bilingual Supplemental, TOPT or BTLPT and PPR EC-6 state exams to be recommended for the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 Certificate. Once you are a certified teacher and decide to challenge other exams, the Bilingual Supplemental will transfer to the new content. (**Example:** take Science 4-8, then you are eligible to teach Bilingual Science 4-8)

How to meet the “approval to test” requirements for the Bilingual Generalist EC-4, Generalist EC-4/EC-6, PPR EC-4, PPR EC-6 & PPR EC-12 Exams:

[Bilingual Gen EC-4 Practice exam] + [Gen EC-4 Review] = [Bilingual Generalist EC-4 exam] or [Generalist EC-4 and Bilingual Supplemental exams]

[Gen EC-4 Practice exam] + [Gen EC-6 Review] = [Generalist EC-6 and Bilingual Supplemental exams] -*Generalist EC-6 available June 27, 2009*

[Gen EC-6 Practice exam] + [Gen EC-6 Review] = **Generalist EC-6 Exam available June 27, 2009** and “NEW” Bilingual Supplemental

[PPR EC-4 or PPR EC-12 Practice exam]+ [PPR Review] = **PPR EC-4 Exam or PPR EC-12 Exam**

[PPR EC-6 or PPR EC-12 Practice exam]+ [PPR Review]= **PPR EC-6 - available June 27, 2009** or **PPR EC-12 Exam**

State Exam Combinations for Certification

During the transition period to the new Bilingual Generalist EC-6 Certification, the following exam combinations will be accepted for certification:

[Bilingual Generalist EC-4 exam]+[PPR EC-4 or PPR EC-12 exam]+ [TOPT] = **Bilingual Generalist EC-4 Certification**

[Generalist EC-6 exam]+[Bilingual Supplemental]+[PPR EC-6 or PPR EC-12 exam]+[TOPT]= **Bilingual Generalist EC-6 Certification**

[Bilingual Generalist EC-6] +[TOPT or BTLPT]+[PPR EC-6 or PRR EC-12]=**Bilingual Generalist EC-6 Certification**

**Students can be recommended for Bilingual Generalist EC-6 Certification beginning August 1, 2009, if the exam requirements are met.*

Comparison of the EC-4 Certificate Program with the new EC-6 Certificate Program

Below you will find a table showing the differences between the courses for teacher certification between the EC-4 program and the new EC-6 state-mandated certification program. The highlighted courses indicate a change in the course work. Most of the program remains the same but courses have been revised and extended in their content to cover the extended grade levels in the new certification. The biggest change has been the separation of C&I 4403 into two courses, one approaches for math, and one approaches for science. This change addresses the content and pedagogy standards for the extended grade levels in the new EC-6 certification. The new certification program courses will begin in the fall, 2009 semester. Since this is a state mandated change, all students will be transitioned into the new program, regardless of catalog, by fall of 2010. Junior and senior level undergraduates should meet with an advisor to review program completion timelines and course substitutions within the new program.

EC-4 Program	EC-6 Program
Core Requirements	
Remain the Same	Remain the Same
Certification Requirements	
IDS 2013 Introduction to Learning and Teaching in a Culturally Diverse Society	IDS 2013 Introduction to Learning and Teaching in a Culturally Diverse Society
EDU 2103 Social Foundations for Education in a Diverse U.S. Society	EDU 2103 Education in American Society revised
BBL 3403 Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in a Pluralistic Society	BBL 3403 Culture and Linguistic Diversity in a Pluralistic Society
EDP 3133 Learning and Development in the Early Elementary Context EC-4	Course Eliminated
SPE 3603 Introduction to Exceptionality	SPE 3603 Introduction to Exceptionality
ESL 3023 Second Language Teaching and Learning in EC-4	ESL 3023 Second Language Teaching & Learning EC 6
ECE 3603 Language and Cognitive Development in EC-4	ECE 3603 Language and Literacy Acquisition new course
ECE 3143 Child Growth and Development	ECE 3143 Child Growth and Development
ECE 3313 Play, Creativity, and Learning EC-4	ECE 3313 Play, Creativity, & Learning
ECE 4143 Principles and Practices of Differentiated Education EC-4	ECE 4143 Principles & Practices of Differentiated Instruction EC-6
ECE 4203 Assessment and Evaluation in EC-4	ECE 4203 Assessment and Evaluation in EC-6
RDG 3513 Children's Literature EC-4	RDG 3513 Children's Literature
RDG 3803 Writing Development and Processes	RDG 3803 Writing Development & Processes
RDG 3813 Early Literacy Learning – EC-4	Eliminated and integrated into ECE 3603
RDG 3823 Reading Comprehension – EC-4	RDG 3823 Reading Comprehension EC-6
RDG 4733 Literacy Problems – EC-4	RDG 4733 Organizing Reading Programs for Differentiated Instruction-EC-6 revised
C&I 4303 Approaches to Teaching Social Studies, Languages Arts, and Fine Arts EC-4	C&I 4303 Approaches to teaching Social Studies/Language Arts/Fine Arts EC-6
C&I 4403 Approaches to Teaching Mathematics and Science EC-4	C&I 4353 Approaches to teaching Science/ EC-6 new course C&I 4403 Approaches to teaching Math/ EC-6
C&I 4616 Student Teaching: EC–Grade 4	C&I 4616 Student Teaching – EC-6

During this transition period between certificates (Spring 2008 to Fall 2009), the following recommendations will apply for the following courses:

RDG 3813: this course will no longer be offered beginning fall of 2009. If you are planning to do your first Approaches Block in the fall of 2009, you will need to do one of the following:

1. take ECE 3603 in spring 2009 and RDG 3813 in summer 2009,
OR
2. receive a waiver from your advisor to take both courses together in the spring, 2009 semester (this will be a one time waiver only).

C&I 4403 & C&I 4353: If you are taking your first Approaches Block in the fall of 2009, you will be taking these two Approaches courses concurrently in the same semester instead of the old C&I 4403. They cannot be taken in separate semesters.

EDP 3133: will no longer be a requirement in the new EC-6 program and will not be offered beginning in the fall of 2009. If you are doing your first approaches block in the fall of 2009, you will not need to take EDP 3133.

Generalist/Bilingual Generalist Early Childhood-Elementary Certification FAQ'S

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Students that will be Student Teaching Spring 2009

1. What do I do to add the Generalist EC-6 certification to my teaching certificate?

Once you are certified, then you can go directly to ETS and register for the Generalist EC-6 exam. (No additional PPR exams are required)

2. What do I do to add other content areas to my teaching certificate?

Once you are certified, you can challenge other TExES exams by going directly to the ETS website and registering for that exam. (No additional PPR exams are required)

3. If I have not taken any state exams before I student teach can I take the Generalist EC-6 exam?

You can wait until June 27, 2009 to take the Generalist EC-6 and PPR EC-6 exams, but keep in mind that you will not be recommended for certification until August 1, 2009.

4. If I decide to wait to take the Generalist EC-6 exam, what PPR exam should I take?

You can take the PPR EC-12 exam in place of the PPR EC-6 that will not be available until June 27, 2009.

5. Once I am certified Bilingual Generalist EC-4, how do I add the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 certification?

This can be accomplished in several ways depending on the exams you have taken for the Bilingual certification:

- If you have taken the Bilingual Generalist EC-4, then you will have to wait to take the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 exam when it becomes available in November 2009. (No additional PPR required)

OR

- You can take the Generalist EC-6 and the "NEW" Bilingual Supplemental exams when they become available in June 2009. (No additional PPR required)

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Students will receive credit for taking the Generalist EC-4 Practice exam and any PPR Practice exam prior to the Generalist EC-6 and PPR EC-6 exams becoming available. Students will receive credit for attending a Generalist EC-4 review prior to the Generalist EC-6 review becoming available.

Students that will be Student Teaching Fall 2009

1. Which exams do I take for the Generalist EC-6 certification?

You will take the Generalist EC-6 and the PPR EC-6 or PPR EC-12 exams.

2. What do I do to add other content areas to my teaching certificate?

Once you are certified, you can challenge other TExES exams by going directly to the ETS website and registering for that exam. (No additional PPR exams are required)

3. Which exams do I take for the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 certification?

- You can wait until November 2009 to take the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 exam and take the PPR EC-6 exam in June 2009.

OR

- You can take the Generalist EC-6, the "NEW" Bilingual Supplemental, and the PPR EC-6 exams.
- The advantage of taking the "NEW" Bilingual Supplemental is that it will transfer to other subject areas you want to add to your teaching certificate.

Example: You take the Science 4-8 exam, then you will be eligible to teach Bilingual Science 4-8

***If you want to add another subject area to your teaching certificate, then you register directly with ETS.**

AND

Once a PPR exam is taken for certification, you never have to take another PPR exam.

Generalist/Bilingual Generalist Early Childhood-Elementary Certification FAQ'S

Students will receive credit if they have taken the Generalist EC-4 Practice exam and any PPR Practice exam prior to the Generalist EC-6 and PPR EC-6 Practice exams becoming available.

Students that will be Student Teaching Spring 2010

1. Which exams do I take for the Generalist EC-6 certification?

You will take the Generalist EC-6 and PPR EC-6 exams.

2. What do I do to add other content areas to my teaching certificate?

Once you are certified, you can challenge other TExES exams by going directly to the ETS website and registering for that exam. (No additional PPR required)

3. Which exams do I take for the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 certification?

This can be accomplished in several ways:

- You can take the Bilingual Generalist EC-6 and PPR EC-6 exams

OR

- You can take the Generalist EC-6, the "NEW" Bilingual Supplemental and PPR EC-6 exams
- The advantage of taking the "NEW" Bilingual Supplemental is that it will transfer to other subject areas you want to add to your teaching certificate.

Example: You take the Generalist 4-8 exam; you are eligible to teach Bilingual Generalist 4-8. Or you take the Math 4-8 exam; you are eligible to teach Bilingual Math 4-8

***If you want to add another subject area to your teaching certificate, then you register directly with ETS.**

Once a PPR exam is taken for certification, you never have to take another PPR exam.