PROFESSIONAL AND MASTER TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Professional and master teacher certifications are available in the following education areas: principal, master reading teacher, master mathematics teacher, master science teacher, master technology teacher, counselor, superintendent, and reading specialist. Each certification requires a master’s degree and teaching experience in Texas public schools. Refer to each individual departmental section of this catalog for specific information or contact the department.

If you are seeking a Professional or Master Teacher Certification, you must apply for admission through The Graduate College and adhere to the following procedure:

1. Submit an admission application and non-refundable $10 fee to The Graduate College.
2. Submit an official transcript that shows your highest college degree earned.

For principal, superintendent, and counselor certification, contact the Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, and School Psychology at 512.245.3083 for admission information and eligibility requirements.

For master mathematics teacher admission information and eligibility requirements, contact the Department of Mathematics at 512.245.2551.

For master reading teacher and master technology teacher admission information and eligibility requirements, contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at 512.245.2042.

For master science teacher admission information and eligibility requirements, contact the Department of Biology in the College of Science and Engineering at 512.245.2178.

For reading specialist certification, please apply for a certification plan in the Office of Educator Preparation at the following link: http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/.

International Professional and Master Teacher Certification Applicants

An international applicant is defined as an applicant who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. In addition to meeting the above requirements, international students seeking entry under the post-baccalaureate or post-graduate certification or licensure student admission category must:

1. Pay a $50 non-refundable international/evaluation fee. (The application fee for international students is $10 plus the $50 evaluation fee for a total application fee of $60.)
2. Submit two copies of official transcripts indicating that a baccalaureate degree was awarded: one copy translated in English and one copy in the student’s native language from every college or university attended. If the applicant’s transcript does not indicate the degree earned, he or she will need to submit a copy of the diploma or degree certificate, along with an English translation, showing the type of degree earned and the date the degree was earned.
3. Submit official results of the internet-based TOEFL showing a score of 78 or higher, with a minimum of 26 on the speaking section.

Certifications programs offered through the Office of Educator Preparation do not accept any other English proficiency exam scores. A student under an F-1 student visa must be enrolled full-time (9 hours) in the fall and spring terms. An F-1 student does not have to enroll during the summer if the student is eligible and intends to register for the next term. A new initial F-1 student who recently gained admission into the U.S. with a program start date set to begin with the summer session must enroll full-time for that summer session.