TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Applicants may apply for admission to the University to pursue certification in grades EC-6, 4-8, 7-12, EC-12, or one of several professional educator certifications.

Teacher Certification

If an applicant is seeking initial certification and holds at least a baccalaureate degree, the individual must apply for admission through The Graduate College. Applicants should adhere to the following procedure:

1. Submit an admission application and non-refundable $10 fee to The Graduate College at https://www.applytexas.org.
2. Submit an official transcript from each college or university attended.
3. After being admitted by The Graduate College, apply for a certification plan in the Office of Educator Preparation (ED 2016). NOTE: Applicants for teacher certification must have an overall GPA of at least 2.75 on all college/university work.
4. Go to the following website to learn more about the admission requirements and fees for the Teacher Preparation Program: http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/.

International 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 post-baccalaureate or post-graduate teacher certification admittance 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.

Holders of Valid Out-of-State Certificates

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) reviews out-of-state teacher certificates. Contact the SBEC at 888.863.5880.