

Secondary Level and All Level Teacher Certification Information

Teacher Education Admission Requirements:

- Junior standing (minimum of 60 earned hours)
- A 2.75 overall GPA¹ and a 2.75 UNT GPA¹
- Appropriate exam scores on either the SAT, ACT or *PRAXIS* Core Academic Skills for Educators Test (Reading #5712, Writing #5722, Math #5732, or all three sections #5751):
 - Required for ALL students seeking teacher certification without exception
 - Contact the COE Student Advising Office for specific required admission scores (940-565-2736)
 - For details and registration information about the *PRAXIS* Core Academic Skills for Educators Test:
 - Visit the Praxis website: ets.org/praxis
 - Call the Praxis hotline: (800) 772-9476
 - Call the UNT testing center: (940) 369-7617
- An official degree audit that includes certification, obtained from an academic advisor,
- Rating of Interview Approved on the online Interview Questionnaire (except for Art, Music, and TNT Certifications)
 - Directions are available at: <http://tiny.cc/untinterview>
 - Must be approved by department in order to be admitted to the teacher education program
 - Responses reviewed by department first of each month

Once items 1-5 are complete, schedule an appointment in the College of Education Student Advising Office, by calling 940-565-2736, to complete items 6 & 7 and to finalize the admission process
- A signed Application for Admission
- An offer letter of formal admission which must be signed and returned within 72 hours to finalize the admission process.
 - Contact the College of Education Student Advising Office, 565-2736, Matthews Hall 105, www.coe.unt.edu/sao
 - Applications submitted without an appointment meeting will be processed within 15-20 business days

All Level Certification

Early Childhood-12th Grade

Art
French
German
Music
Spanish
Theatre Arts

Physical Education Certification
Students should consult their academic advisor for advising.

Secondary Certification

7th Grade – 12th Grade

Dance (6-12)
English Language Arts & Reading
Family & Consumer Science (6-12)
History
Hospitality, Nutrition, & Food Science (8-12)
Human Development & Family Science (8-12)
Journalism
Social Studies
Speech Communications

Teach North Texas (TNT)

7th Grade – 12th Grade

1. TNT Certification Students should consult the TNT office in Curry Hall 322, 940-565-2265 for advising.

Chemistry
Life Sciences
Mathematics
Math & Physics
Physical Sciences
Science

State TEXES Certification Exams

All certification students must pass state TEXES certification exams to become teacher certified in the state of Texas:

Content area TEXES – The test will assess your knowledge of the subject(s) you will be teaching as a professional teacher in a school setting.

OR

TEXES LOTE EC-12 – Required for all foreign language content areas. Test will include a pronunciation section and a multiple-choice section covering grammar, translations, culture, and literature.

AND

TEXES Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) – EC-12 – This test will assess your knowledge of good teaching practices and the ways in which a professional teacher should behave in school settings.

For additional information contact the TEXES Advising Office: 940-369-8601, Matthews Hall 103, www.coe.unt.edu/texas

COE Pedagogy Courses

	Art & Music Certifications	All Other Certifications except for TNT and PE Certifications ¹	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission to Teacher Education is required prior to enrolling in most Pedagogy courses Course requirements may vary by program. See your major advisor or official degree audit for the specific requirements TNT majors – see TNT Office for clinical/early field experience. See Clinical Practice Office for student teaching information and placement.¹ 	EDCI 3800 Professional Issues EDCI 4060 Content Area Reading	EDSE prior to Fall 2017 = EDCI beginning Fall 2017
HDFS 3123 Child Development Art and Music Education majors – see your department for clinical/early field experience and student teaching information and placement		EDCI 3830 Processes and Evaluation EDCI 4070 Diverse Populations EDCI 4840 Instructional Strategies/Classroom Mgmt ** Clinical/early field experience—requires observation time in assigned school(s). Taken long semester preceding student teaching *Requires a permission code from Clinical Practice Office for registration * Apply during the long semester before enrollment at www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office	
		EDXX 41XX Student Teaching** EDXX 41XX Student Teaching** **Taken final long semester; All other courses must be completed prior to student teaching	

Teacher Certification Process Checklist

- Apply to the Teacher Education Program as soon as eligible
- Purchase Tk20 upon registration for use in the EDXX courses (www.coe.unt.edu)
 - Comprehensive data management system
 - Subscriptions will be effective for seven years from the date of purchase
- Two Long Semesters before Clinical (Student) Teaching: _____
(typically during AEAH 4750* for Art certification students, sequencing varies for all other certifications)
 - Attend an informational meeting and apply for early field experience a semester in advance (www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office); Music education students do not go attend these meeting and should consult their department instead)
 - Take practice certification exams (www.coe.unt.edu/texas)
 - Must be admitted to the teacher education program and enrolled at UNT for the current semester
 - Preparation manuals available through the TExES Advising Office website (www.coe.unt.edu/texas)
 - Questions about practice exams – contact the TExES Advising Office, Matthews Hall 103, 940-369-8601
- Long Semester before Clinical (Student) Teaching: _____
(typically during AEAH 4780* for Art, MUED 4103* or 4109* for Music, and EDCI 4840* for all other non-TNT, non-PE certifications)
 - Visit with the TExES Advising Office to gain access to your TEAL account with Texas Education Agency (TEA)
 - Write down the TEA ID number you are assigned and keep it in a safe place
 - Take real state TEXES certification content exam(s) and, if possible, the PPR TEXES exam.
- Semester of Clinical (Student) Teaching: _____
 - Take any remaining state TEXES certification exams for which you were not successful (www.coe.unt.edu/texas)
 - Attend the mandatory student teacher orientation meeting at the beginning of the semester.
 - Apply for graduation through the college of your major
 - Apply for teacher certification with the state of Texas at (www.tea.state.tx.us)
 - To apply for your certification you MUST meet the following criteria:
 - Be in your final semester
 - Passed all the required state TEXES certification exams
 - **Passed clinical (student) teaching**
 - How to Apply (visit www.coe.unt.edu/student-advising-office/steps-teacher-certification for detailed instructions)
 - Log into your TEAL account (www.tea.state.tx.us)
 - Click on Applications
 - Select the “Standard Certificate” option
 - For the entity to recommend you, choose the “University of North Texas (University Based)” option
 - After submission of your application, our Certification Specialist will review your application to ensure that you have met the state requirements.
 - Since we receive hundreds of applications every semester, we ask for your patience while we process your recommendation.
 - To be recommended to the TEA by UNT you must have:
 - The appropriate degree posted to official UNT transcripts
 - The appropriate GPAs posted on your degree audit (UNT, overall, teaching field and education)
 - Passing scores on the appropriate state TEXES certification exams
 - Submitted an application for teacher certification on TEA website

*Course sequencing can vary based on track and course scheduling. Always consult your academic advisor to determine your own course sequence.

UNT does not award teacher certification – UNT recommends teacher certification candidates to the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The TEA is the entity authorized by the State Board of Education to award teacher certificates in Texas.

- Once UNT recommends you to the TEA, you will receive a confirmation email from the TEA informing you that you have been recommended by UNT. The TEA will only issue the certificate AFTER you have paid all applicable fees, your fingerprinting status shows as “complete” on your TEAL account, and you have passed a TEA criminal background check. You may review current guidelines used by the TEA to determine certification eligibility in regard to criminal background checks on the TEA’s website at <http://tiny.cc/TEABackgroundCheckFAQ>. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from TEA at any time. The process and form are available at <http://tiny.cc/TEAPreliminaryCheck>.
 - You may view and print your certificate online through your TEAL account once it has been issued by the TEA.
- If you have questions regarding teacher certification, please visit www.coe.unt.edu/student-advising-office/steps-teacher-certification or contact Jill Denniston, Teacher Certification Office, UNT, Jill.Denniston@unt.edu.

This information is for **ADVISING ONLY** and is not official. Requirements can and do change without notification. Refer to official degree audit for degree requirements.