

## Texas Certification Requirements

- Complete all coursework/student teaching
- Grades officially posted to transcript
- Bachelor's Degree officially posted to transcript (Undergraduates only)
- Pass all required certification exams
  - ⇒ 4-8 Content Exam
  - ⇒ PPR EC-12
  - ⇒ ESL Supplemental (Undergrads only)
- Apply for certification through TEA at the end of your final semester and complete fingerprinting
- Pay all applicable fees

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### TEExES Flight Plan Checklist

- Admission to Teacher Education Program
  - Complete content coursework
  - Take TEExES Exams (Prior to PDS courses)
  - Professional (PDS 1) Coursework
  - Clinical Practice / Student Teaching (PDS 2)
  - Graduation
  - Apply for Certification/Pay Fees/Fingerprinting
  - Recommended for Certification by UNT
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## Registering for TEExES Exams

TEA ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Once students have been admitted to the Teacher Education Program, the TEExES Advising Office creates your TEA account and grants test approval for your certification exams. Students are sent an email from TEAL Support which contains a username and password to access their TEA profile.

After you receive your TEAL email, follow our TEAL/ETS Registration Guide at <http://www.coe.unt.edu/texas-advising-office/registering-texas-exams> for step-by-step instructions on how to set up your TEAL (educator) and ETS (testing) accounts so that you can register for your certification exams.

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### Practice TEExES Exams

UNT offers free practice exams for students who have been admitted to Teacher Education.

View our practice exam schedule and sign up online at: <http://www.coe.unt.edu/texas>

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# TEExES FLIGHT PLAN



## NAVIGATING THE TEExES EXAMS

### Interdisciplinary Studies

- ELAR 4-8
- Math 4-8
- Science 4-8
- Social Studies 4-8

## Texas Exam Requirements

The Texas State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) has developed exams that each teacher candidate is required to pass in order to qualify for certification. Each program has one content exam, one pedagogy exam, and a supplemental ESL exam (for undergraduate 4-8 candidates). Required exams are listed below.

### English Language and Reading 4-8

- 1) ELAR 4-8 (117)
- 2) PPR EC-12 (160)
- 3) ESL Supplemental (154) (Undergrads only)

### Mathematics 4-8

- 1) Mathematics 4-8 (115)
- 2) PPR EC-12 (160)
- 3) ESL Supplemental (154) (Undergrads only)

### Science 4-8

- 1) Science 4-8 (116)
- 2) PPR EC-12 (160)
- 3) ESL Supplemental (154) (Undergrads only)

### Social Studies 4-8

- 1) Social Studies 4-8 (118)
- 2) PPR EC-12 (160)
- 3) ESL Supplemental (154) (Undergrads only)

### No Child Left Behind—Highly Qualified Mandate

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, new teachers will only need to meet state requirements for certification. The federal term of “highly qualified teacher status” will no longer apply. Individual districts may still require new teachers of record to achieve the Highly Qualified status by taking a Core Subjects exam. This can be done after a candidate holds their initial 4-8 certification.

## Study Materials and Resources



- **ETS Test Prep Resources**— Free preparation manuals, tutorials and other materials to help you prepare for your exams. (<http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/>)
- **Interactive Practice Exam** — Free full-length practice test. (<http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/interactive-practice-test/>)
- **T-CERT** — Online modules that contain documents and handouts, videos, practice questions, and more. (<https://pact.tarleton.edu/TCERT/index.cfm>)
- **240 Tutoring** — Provides in-depth review, flashcards, and interactive practice questions. (<http://www.240tutoring.com>)
- **Certify Teacher**— Offers access to interactive practice exams to UNT students for a discounted price. Students must 1.) sign up using their **UNT email address** 2.) agree to be added to the control panel and 3.) use the promo code **UNT4728** to receive the discount.
- Search **Quizlet.com** for the name of your exam to find free flashcards and other materials others have used to help prepare for the TExES exams.
- You may also want to purchase study materials from one of the following reputable companies:
  - **XAM Online** (<http://www.xamonline.com>)
  - **MoMetrix** (<http://mo-media.com>)
  - **Pass the TExES** (<http://passthetexes.com>)
- Visit the **TExES Advising Office** website for a complete list of suggested resources: (<http://www.coe.unt.edu/texas-advising-office/resources-test-takers-and-faculty>)

## Study Tips

- 1.) Download the test framework and preparation manual for your exam at <http://texas.ets.org/prepmaterials/> and familiarize yourself with the content covered in each domain and competency on your exam.
- 2.) Ask yourself, “How well do I know the content?” Using a Likert Scale of 0—5, where 0 is not at all and 5 is Very Well, rate your confidence for each domain and competency.
- 3.) Determine what resources and materials you already have on hand to help you study for this content. Then, determine what you might need to help you study (Flashcards? Practice Exams? A study group?) . Begin acquiring the materials you need!
- 4.) Establish study deadlines for yourself and focus your studying on the areas you feel least confident with.
- 5.) Take a practice exam prior to your actual test! This will help you get an idea of what the test will look like and will also give you an idea of what areas you still need to focus on. While passing a practice exam is not a guarantee that you will successfully pass the actual exam, it is a good measure of your knowledge, and can be used to help guide your studying even further!
- 6.) Be sure to get plenty of sleep the night before you take your exam and skip the morning coffee. Try eating a banana instead to fuel your mind and body.
- 7.) Leave the cell phone at home and don't forget your admission ticket.
- 8.) Relax and be confident!! Take your time during your exam, and don't second guess yourself.

