



Excellence in Teaching (EiT)
Where Excellence is our Standard

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Certifications In Demand



- Core Subjects EC-6
- Core Subject 4-8
- Science 7-12
- Mathematics 7-12
- English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR) 7-12
- Bilingual Supplemental
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Supplemental

+ Services EiT Offers

- **Educator Preparation Program (EPP)**
- **Test center** for teacher certification examinations
- **Tutoring** for teacher certification examinations
 - Small-group
 - Individual





Myths & Misconceptions



- “How much? “How fast?”
- “I need a job.” “How hard could teaching be?”
- “I will get lucky & pass the test.” “How hard could the test be?”
- “The test is biased.”
- “The Core Subjects are impossible to pass.”
- “The ELAR 4-8 is easier than the Core 4-8.”



Decision-Making Process



- Do your research by visiting the TEA website.
- Know yourself as a learner; find a good fit
- Be prepared. Assess your options
- Additional costs (*classes, tutoring, benchmarks, excessive testing fees,*)

+ Paradigm Shift



“A radical change in underlying beliefs”

Dictionary.com



EiT Philosophy



- Teaching is a **profession**.
- “A calling requiring **specialized knowledge** and often long and **intensive academic preparation**.”
Merriam-Webster Dictionary

- “Any type of work that needs **special training** or a particular skill, often one that is respected because it involves a high level of education.”
Cambridge Dictionary

+ EiT Commitment



- Provide mentorship, guidance & support.
- Provide high-quality coursework that focuses on research-based practices.
- Help prepare earning a passing score on certification examinations on the **1st attempt**.
- Abide by and comply with all state requirements.



State Requirements for Certification



- **Coursework** (*300 clock-hours*)
- **Classroom observations** (*30 hours*)
- **Certification examinations** (*2 – 4 exams*)
- **Internship/Clinical Teaching**



Coursework



According to Texas Education Code (TEC):

§228.35 (a) Coursework and/or Training for Candidates Seeking Initial Certification.

(2) Professional development should be ***sustained, intensive, and classroom focused.***

(3) An EPP shall provide each candidate with ***a minimum of 300 clock-hours of coursework*** and/or training.

+ EiT Coursework



- Director of Curriculum: Dr. Verónica Galván
- Most classes held on **Wednesdays** from
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- What: Connect **research-based** practices with
performance-based.
- Why: Teacher Evaluation and Support System
(TTESS)



Observations



According to Texas Education Code (TEC):

§228.35 (d) Educator Preparation Program Delivery. An EPP shall provide evidence of ongoing and relevant field-based experiences.

(1) each EPP shall provide field-based experiences, for a ***minimum of 30 clock-hours***. The field-based experiences must be completed **prior** to assignment in an **internship** or clinical teaching. Field-based experiences must ***include 15 clock-hours*** in which the candidate, under supervision, is ***actively engaged*** in instructional or educational activities that include:



Certification Examinations



■ Content

- Core Subjects (EC-6 & 4-8), ELAR 7-12, Math 7-12 & Science 7-12

■ Professional Pedagogy Responsibilities (PPR)

- Pedagogy: the art, science, or profession of teaching

■ Bilingual & ESL

- ESL Supplemental, Bilingual Supplemental & BTLPT



What is Core Subjects?



Core Subjects EC-6:

ELAR, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Music & Theater

Core Subjects 4-8:

ELAR, Mathematics, Science & Social Studies



What is PACT?

Admission Requirements



Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT)

Programs that require PACT - prior to joining a program state law requires that you pass content exam.

Steps for admissions:

1. Pass content exam (PACT)
2. Apply for admission into a program
3. Begin observations & coursework



Going the PACT Route



- The program is not responsible or accountable for content
- Not admitted/enrolled until you pass a content exam and meet the admission requirements.
- The program is not responsible for preparing or administering a benchmark to determine your readiness; thus, they may charge additional fees for these services
- Guidance, support and resources critical for preparing becomes your responsibility.



Going the PACT Route



If the program chooses PACT as a criteria for admission requirements, TEA does not allow the program to:

1. **Admit** you into the program prior to passing the content exam
2. Begin coursework
3. Obtain approval for conducting observations

Why? Pre-Admission = you are not admitted



EiT Admission Requirements



- ***EiT does not require PACT*** - we provide the coursework, study resources, support and guidance at no additional cost.
- 1) Earned a bachelors degree or you are anticipating graduation (*last semester*).
- 2) Minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 (*overall or last 60 hours*)



EiT Non-PACT



If you meet the admission requirements & are *selected* for entry into the program, you can begin the following:

1. Receiving guidance & support for content exam
2. Begin EiT coursework
3. Obtain approval for conducting observations



Reflection - Decisions



- PACT? Or No PACT?
- Do I require a program that provides guidance and support?
- Face-to-face instruction? Small group?
- Am I willing to invest time, effort, and resources to become a well-prepared teacher?
- Am I willing to take on the responsibilities?

Your goal is certification!

+ **TEA Customer Service**

Monday – Friday

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Central Time

Phone #: 512-936-8400

Choose Option:

Option 5 Educator Preparation Programs



Additional information



- TEA Preparation and Continuing Education:

[http://tea.texas.gov/Texas Educators/Preparation and Continuing Education/](http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Preparation_and_Continuing_Education/)

- TEA Educator Preparation Compliance Reports

[http://tea.texas.gov/Texas Educators/Preparation and Continuing Education/Consumer Information about Educator Preparation Programs/Educator Preparation Compliance Reports/](http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Preparation_and_Continuing_Education/Consumer_Information_about_Educator_Preparation_Programs/Educator_Preparation_Compliance_Reports/)

ETS PACT

<http://cms.texas-ets.org/epp/eppact/>