

EiT Prior Coursework Policy

In accordance with 19 TAC §228.35(a)(5)(A) & 19 TAC §228.35(a)(5)(B), TEA requires that each educator preparation program (EPP) must implement specific criteria and procedures that allow:

(A) military service member or military veteran candidates to credit verified military service, training, or education toward the training, education, work experience, or related requirements (other than certification examinations) for educator certification requirements, provided that the military service, training, or education is directly related to the certificate being sought; and

(B) candidates who are not military service members or military veterans to substitute prior or ongoing service, training, or education, provided that the experience, education, or training is not also counted as a part of the internship, clinical teaching, or practicum requirements, was provided by an approved preparation program or an accredited institution of higher education within the past five years, and is directly related to the certificate being sought.

Military

A military service member or military veteran candidate shall be permitted to credit verified military service, training, or education toward the training, education, work experience, or related requirements (other than certification examinations) for education certification requirements. It is the responsibility of the applicant/candidate to notify EiT during the admissions process about any military service, training, or education that may be credited towards the certification program. It will be the responsibility of the candidate to submit appropriate documentation to the EiT program within thirty (30) days of being admitted. This documentation will be used by the EiT program to determine if the applicant's previous or ongoing service, training or education relates to the current training required under the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 228.35. EiT will use information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the TEA and other reliable sources to assist in crediting applicable military service, training, or education.

Non-Military

Candidates who are not military service members or military veterans shall be permitted to credit prior or ongoing service, training, or education, provided that the experience, education or training is not also counted as part of the internship, clinical teaching, or practicum requirements, was provided by an approved educator preparation program or an accredited institution of higher education within the past five (5) years, and is directly related to the certificate being sought. It is the responsibility of the applicant/candidate to notify EiT during the admissions process about any prior or ongoing service, training, or education that may be credited towards the certification program. It will be the responsibility of the candidate to submit appropriate documentation to the EiT program within thirty (30) days of being admitted. The EiT program will use all documentation submitted to determine if the candidate's previous or ongoing service, training or education relates to the current training required under the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 228.35.

Notification

After reviewing documentation submitted, EiT will notify the candidate in writing if any prior coursework or training has been accepted or not accepted. This notification will also be placed in the candidate's file.