



**Texas A&M International University**  
**Application for Admission or Readmission to the**  
**College of Education**  
**Educator Preparation Program | Alternative Certification Program**



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**\*Read the information below and complete the application on page 3\***

Applicants to the College of Education's Educator Preparation Program are applying to seek an educator certificate. They should read through the following statements.

Undergraduates who are seeking to enroll in restricted upper division College of Education coursework must apply to and be accepted by the Educator Preparation Program (EPP). Admission to the EPP is contingent upon meeting full admission requirements, which is a separate application process from the university's admission procedures. Acceptance to the university does not ensure acceptance to the EPP. Applying to the EPP does not guarantee admission to the EPP. Undergraduates who are fully admitted to the EPP will be eligible to enroll in restricted 3000- and 4000-level courses in their degree program. An offer of admission letter must be signed by the applicant and returned to the College of Education Admission Office to be admitted to the EPP.

Individuals seeking admission to the Alternative Certification Program (ACP) must complete and submit a College of Education application in addition to acceptance by the university. An offer letter to a specific certificate being sought must be signed by the applicant prior to enrolling in coursework. There are additional ACP requirements.

Individuals admitted to The Graduate School for seeking a Master's degree are not a guarantee of admission to a professional certificate program; an application to the College of Education must be completed and submitted. If accepted to the certificate program, an offer must be signed by the applicant and returned to the College of Education Admission office prior to enrolling in any coursework that leads to an educator certificate.

**Requirements for Admission to the Educator Preparation Program:**

1. **Submit an application for admission or re-admission:** Applicants must complete and submit page 3 of this application form. If a candidate withdraws from the EPP or is inactive from the university for more than one academic year, the student will need to reapply to the EPP to continue pursuing an educator certificate. Re-admission to the program is not guaranteed; program requirements in place at the time of re-admission must be met by the applicant.
2. **FERPA and Code of Ethics:** Applicants must read, complete and submit the FERPA and Code of Ethics documents as part of their application packet to be considered for admission to the EPP.
3. **Screening Instrument:** Applicants must complete the online screening instrument. The screening instrument is designed to determine an applicant's knowledge, experience, skills, and aptitude for the certificate they are seeking.
4. **Initial certification pre-requisite coursework:** Undergraduates applying for admission must successfully complete all courses in the university core curriculum for their major and all required lower-division education courses listed in the university catalog with a grade "C" or better. If required, applicants must also submit scores on a diagnostic content exam administered in EDCI 3200. All non-elementary education majors (i.e. Kinesiology with certification, English with secondary certification, Mathematics with secondary certification) must successfully complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours (SCH) in their subject area, except for individuals seeking certification in Mathematics 7-12 or Science 7-12, who must successfully complete 15 SCH in their subject area. The College of Education considers an earned grade of "C" or better

to be successful course completion. TAMIU ACP applicants must submit a passing score on a Pre-admission Content Test (PACT) relating to their certification area as part of their application for admission.

5. **Professional Certificate programs** (School Counselor, Educational Diagnostician, Principal as Instructional Leader, Reading Specialist, and Superintendent) have additional requirements in order to obtain certification. Please refer to the university catalog for more information.
6. **Minimum Acceptable GPA:** Undergraduate applicants must have and maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 in institutional (TAMIU), transfer and overall. At the time of admission, non-elementary education majors must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in their major coursework. Applicants seeking a professional certificate and applicants to the ACP require a minimum GPA of 2.75 or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 SCH of their coursework, depending on the program. Please refer to the university catalog for requirements specific to the degree or certificate being sought. Once admitted, a minimum 2.75 institutional (TAMIU) GPA must be maintained for undergraduates to remain in good standing with the College of Education, and a minimum 3.00 GPA must be maintained for graduate students to remain in good standing.
7. **Basic Skills Requirement:** Applicants must have demonstrated proficiency in basic skills in reading, written communication, and mathematics by meeting the requirements established by [TAC 4.54](#).
8. **English Language Proficiency:** TOEFL IBT is required of students having [academic studies from a country where English is not the native language](#). Minimum TOEFL IBT scores of: Reading 22, Listening 22, Speaking 24 and Writing 21 are required.
9. **Formal Offer of Admission:** If a review of your application results in acceptance to a certificate, you must formally acknowledge acceptance to the program by returning a signed offer of admission letter to the College of Education Admissions Office. The signed offer letter must be received by the College of Education Admissions Office by the due date stated on the letter.
10. **TEA account set up:** Newly admitted candidates who do not already have an account with TEA must create their own. Instructions will be sent from the College of Education Admissions Office describing how to create a TEA account. The candidate must inform the College of Education of the ID number assigned to them by TEA. A Social Security Number (SSN) or a copy of a passport page from a non-US country (International students) is required to create a TEA account.
11. **Admission Fee:** An admission fee of \$35 will be added to the student's TAMIU account each time they are admitted or re-admitted to a certificate program. Candidates will be informed of when the fee will be added.
12. **Post-admission Criminal Background Check:** Teacher candidates participating in field experiences in the program must complete a background check as required by the school district where the candidate is placed. A criminal history background check and fingerprinting are required by TEA prior to certificate issuance. A valid Social Security Number (SSN) is required by TEA in order to issue an initial teaching certificate.



TAMIU Student ID: A \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Bachelor's, Master's, Certificate Only)

Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e. Elementary Education, English, Math)

Concentration/Specialization/Emphasis: \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e. Bilingual, Special Education, all-level certification, 7-12 certification)

By initialing each line below, I acknowledge that I have met the following admission requirements as per [TAC §227.10](#)

**Undergraduate Applicants ONLY initial below:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am an enrolled student at TAMIU.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At the time of my admission to the EPP, I will have at least a 2.75 GPA in the following: Institutional (TAMIU), transfer and overall, and a 2.75 GPA in my major course of study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At the time of my admission to the EPP, I will have successfully completed a minimum of 12 SCH in my subject area (i.e. Kinesiology or English) unless I am majoring in Mathematics 7-12 or Science 7-12, then I will have successfully completed 15 SCH in my subject, with a grade of "C" or better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At the time of my admission to the EPP, I will have completed all University core curriculum courses and all required lower division education courses with a grade of "C" or better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have or will complete and submit the College of Education Screening Instrument.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have or will read, complete, sign, and submit the FERPA and Code of Ethics forms.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will be unable to be admitted to the EPP if I do not have either a valid Social Security Number (SNN) or a passport from a non-US country (International Students).

**Professional certificate or ACP applicants ONLY initial below:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have at least a Bachelor's degree conferred to me by an accredited institution of high education (IHE).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a GPA of at least 2.75 in the last 60 semester credit hours of my coursework.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have or will complete and submit the College of Education Screening Instrument.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have or will read, complete, sign, and submit the FERPA and Code of Ethics forms.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ACP ONLY: I have submitted a passing score on a Pre-admission Content Test (PACT) as part of my application to The Graduate School.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, met, and agree to the above statements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Candidates must undergo a criminal background and fingerprinting check prior to certification. A preliminary background check may be requested by TEA prior to admission. A valid Social Security Number is required for a certificate to issue from TEA.