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## TAMIU – ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION FOR EDUCATORS

### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

*Priority application for the 2012-2013 cohort is January 1- March 1, 2012.*

Circle the correct response as required; otherwise, please provide all information requested. For assistance, call 956-326-3098.

1. TAMIU ID \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M or F

Name \_\_\_\_\_

LAST

FIRST

MI

MAIDEN

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you a citizen of the United States? Y or N

3. Do you have prior military experience? Y or N

4. Have you ever been charged with a felony or

misdemeanor? (If yes, please submit an explanation on a separate page and a complete copy of your criminal history. Additional documentation or information may be required.) Y or N

5. Have you previously made application to TAMIU ACP? Y or N  
If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you participated in or made application to any other alternative certification program? Y or N  
If yes, what program? \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have participated in another ACP, you must provide a release from that program.)

7. Please circle the description that best fits your current situation:

- a. Mid-career change
- b. Paraprofessional (educational aide)
- c. Recent college graduate

8. Refer to the degree requirements and select **only one** of the certification areas offered. (Content exam numbers in parenthesis)

#### All-Level Certification, EC-12

- \_\_\_ Art (178)
- \_\_\_ Health (157)
- \_\_\_ Music (177)
- \_\_\_ LOTE-Spanish (613)
- \_\_\_ Physical Education (158)
- \_\_\_ Special Education (161)

#### Middle School Education, 4-8

- \_\_\_ Generalist 4 – 8 (111)\*
- \_\_\_ English Language Arts & Reading (117)
- \_\_\_ Mathematics (115)
- \_\_\_ Science (116)
- \_\_\_ Social Studies (118)

\*The generalist exam includes all content areas.

#### Elementary Education, EC-6

- \_\_\_ Generalist EC-6 (191)
- \_\_\_ Bilingual Generalist EC-6

#### Secondary Education, 6-12 or 8-12

- \_\_\_ Business Education 6-12 (176)
- \_\_\_ Computer Science 8-12 (141)
- \_\_\_ English Lang Arts & Rdg 8-12 (131)
- \_\_\_ History 8-12 (133)
- \_\_\_ Life Science 8-12 (138)
- \_\_\_ Mathematics 8-12 (135)
- \_\_\_ Mathematics/Physics 8-12 (143)
- \_\_\_ Science 8-12 (136)
- \_\_\_ Social Studies 8-12 (132)

9. List below all community colleges, colleges, and/or universities you have attended.

Institution	Dates Attended	Degree	Major/Minor

10. Are you currently enrolled?            Y or N    If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please provide an unofficial transcript or class schedule showing the name of the college or university to verify current enrollment.)*

11. Have you taken the THEA/TASP Reading test?    Y or N  
 Date test was taken or will be taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**An acceptable THEA (TASP) Reading score must be submitted no later than May 1, 2012.**

12. Please list prior teaching experience below, and submit Service Records from each district.

Subject/Grade	School District	City, State	Dates	Permit or Certificate

13. **References: Character and work references are required for admission to TAMIU ACP. You should notify the individuals you list below that they will be contacted by the Alternative Certification program. All responses will remain confidential.**

- **Character References:** List below three persons who are **not** former employers or relatives. **Complete information, including a current mailing address, is required.**

Name	Mailing Address	City, State, Zip	Telephone w/Area Code

- **Work References:** Please list information related to your three (3) most recent work experiences, beginning with the most recent

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Full Time or Part Time

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_ Date we may contact your employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Full Time or Part Time

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_ Date we may contact your employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Full Time or Part Time

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_ Date we may contact your employer: \_\_\_\_\_



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & AUTHORIZATIONS

By signing this application, you acknowledge the following:

- The contents of this application are true and correct to the best of your knowledge.
- You must meet both the screening requirements for admission to the AC program and TAMIU as well as the screening requirements for employment in a district in which you serve your internship.
- A criminal background check including fingerprinting will be performed by the Texas Education Agency as part of your application for the Probationary Certificate.
- Satisfactory performance in the pre-internship coursework is a prerequisite for beginning the internship.
- Meeting the entry requirements does not constitute a guarantee of admission, and preference may be given to individuals who apply for certification in areas for which a shortage exists.
- Admission to the AC program is determined by a comprehensive evaluation of your application. Applicants meeting the minimum entry requirements will be evaluated for admission based on the following criteria:
  - Academic aptitude
    - Basic skills in reading
    - Quality of work experiences and character references
    - Proficiency in oral and written communication
    - Overall commitment and fitness to teach
    - Applicants are evaluated by the TAMIU ACP staff; admission decisions made by the TAMIU ACP staff are final.
    - Providing false or misleading information may constitute grounds for denial admission or dismissal from the program.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of statements given including a criminal background check.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the above-listed references to provide information and/or opinions regarding my fitness as a candidate for the TAMIU AC Program and as a potential teacher. In full and complete consideration for references agreeing to respond on my behalf, I hereby forever waive any possible claims of liability against, and covenant not to sue, the references and Texas A&M International University for any claim or potential action which arise as a result of the requested submission. Furthermore, I hereby waive my right of access to any responses received from the references. I understand that I have the right to request and receive the names of all persons who provide such response, that such responses will be used solely for the purpose of determining my admission into the TAMIU AC Program, and that this waiver is not required as a condition for admission to, receipt of financial aid from, or receipt of any other services or benefits from Texas A&M International University.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize the TAMIU AC Program to provide school districts and/or administrators with information and/or opinion regarding my fitness for employment. I hereby authorize the TAMIU AC Program to utilize and/or release any information contained in my student records as part of his/her response. I also authorize the TAMIU AC Program to include my name, address, and phone number in a database provided to school districts via mail and/or posted on a password-secured website.

My signature indicates understanding and agreement with all of the above statements.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_