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# Becoming an Educational Aide in Texas

You must first be employed by a school district before being eligible to apply for an Educational Aide certificate. Contact your employing school district for application instructions.

## Educational Aide I requirements

- must be a high school graduate or hold a General Educational Development (GED) certificate
- have experience working with students or parents as approved by the employing superintendent
  - Experience may be work in church related schools, day camps, youth groups, private schools, licensed day-care centers, or similar experience.

## Educational Aide II requirements

- must be a high school graduate or hold a General Educational Development (GED) certificate
- have satisfied one of the following requirements
  - have two creditable years of experience as an Educational Aide I; or
  - have a minimum of 15 semester hours of college credit with some emphasis on child growth and development or related subject areas; or
  - have demonstrated proficiency in a specialized skill area as determined by the local school district; and
- have experience working with students or parents as approved by the employing superintendent

## Education Aide III requirements

- must be a high school graduate or hold a General Educational Development (GED) certificate;
- have satisfied one of the following requirements:
  - have three creditable years of experience as either an Educational Aide I or II; or
  - have 30 semester hours of college credit with some emphasis on child growth and development or related subject areas; and
- have experience working with students or parents as approved by the employing superintendent

