Alternative Certification Program

Decide what you would like to teach: Subject and grade level.

Apply to an approved Texas Alternative Certification Program.

- Official transcripts from accredited college/university.
- Application Fee, if applicable.

Admission Stage: Requirements

Do you have to take the Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT) for admission?

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NO
If applicant meets the 2.5 GPA overall and completed a minimum of 12 or 15 semester credit hours in the subject area of certification.

YES
If the applicant has a GPA below 2.5 overall or if applicant has not completed at least 12 or 15 semester credit hours in the subject area of certification.

*If PACT is required due to GPA, PACT should be taken in the subject area applicant is seeking certification.

Accepted Stage: Enroll

- Letter of Agreement.
- Pay enrollment fee.
- Identify content area for initial certification.

Enrollment Stage: Obtain your Statement of Eligibility

- Complete coursework.
- Complete observations.
- Pass required content exams.

Eligible for Intern Certificate:

- Apply for teaching positions.
- Interview – receive offer.
- Fingerprinting check.
- Apply for Intern Certificate.
- Begin Internship.

Field Experience Stage:

- Pass the PPR exam.
- Complete remaining coursework.
- Complete two semester paid internship.

Apply for Standard Certificate:

- Program recommends certificate.
- TEA approves and issues certificate.

Congrats! You're a certified educator!