

TESTING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES FOR CERTIFICATION

To become a certified teacher in the State of Texas, all Master of Arts teacher candidates must pass exams specific to their licensure area. These include the following:

❖ EC-6 Certifications

Early Childhood to Sixth Grade Core Subjects with Bilingual Education certification:

- TExES #160 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES #391 Core Subjects EC-6
- TExES #293 Science of Teaching Reading
- TExES #164 Bilingual Supplemental
- BTLPT #190 Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (Spanish)

Individual subject area tests (if need to repeat a section):

- 801 ELA
- 802 Mathematics
- 803 Social Studies
- 804 Science
- 805 Fine Arts, Health, Physical Education

Early Childhood to Sixth Grade Core Subjects with English as a Second Language (ESL) certification:

- TExES #160 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES #391 Core Subjects EC-6
- TExES #293 Science of Teaching Reading
- TExES #162 English as a Second Language Supplemental

Early Childhood to Sixth Grade Core Subjects with Special Education certification candidate:

- TExES #160 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES #290 Core Subjects EC-6
- TExES #293 Science of Teaching Reading
- TExES #161 Special Education EC-12

❖ 7-12 Certifications

TExES 7-12 content area test for your field:

- TExES #160 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12 / plus one of the following:
- TExES # 236 Science*
- TExES # 231 English Language Arts and Reading*

***With the English as a Second Language (ESL) certification option:**

- TEXES #154 English as a Second Language

Please note the following:

Per the Texas Education Agency (TEA) major changes are planned for the Core EC-6 subject tests and the PPR EC-12 (Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities) test. Master of Art teacher candidates certifying AFTER January 1, 2021 will be required to take an additional certification test on the Science of Teaching Reading (STR) and the PPR EC-12 test which is currently a multiple-choice test may be replaced by the edTPA performance-based portfolio. Both proposed changes will add on additional expenses and require extra effort. Taking and passing your required certification exam as soon as possible is highly encouraged.