

GRADUATE ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (ACP)

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The Texas A&M University–Texarkana Teaching and Professional Programs in Education (TPPE) offers Texas Alternative Teacher Certification Program (ACP) for students who hold a baccalaureate degree. The program starts with online coursework and field-based experiences. After completing coursework, field-based experience, and passing the required TExES certification exams, the student teaching requirement may be fulfilled with a paid internship as teacher of record for one school year (fall/spring or spring/fall) in a Texas public school. The student continues online coursework during the ACP internship and is eligible to apply for certification when all coursework, internship, and testing requirements are met. Texas A&M University–Texarkana is an approved Educator Preparation Program, teacher candidates must be admitted into an approved educator preparation program to meet alternative program (ACP) certification requirements to become a certified educator in Texas.

To be accepted into the Texas Education Agency (TEA) approved Educator Preparation Alternative Certification Program (ACP) an applicant must complete two separate applications:

- Texas A&M University–Texarkana Application (<https://tamut-4162.app451.sites.451.io/>), and
- TK20 (<https://tamut.tk20.com/campustoolshighered/start.do>).

For the university application, select the graduate application. For the program, select non-degree seeking with a concentration in Teacher Certification (not eligible for financial aid) or the Master's in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Teacher Certification (is eligible for financial aid). A master's degree is not required for certification.

Link of approved certification areas for Texas A&M University–Texarkana (<https://tamut.edu/academic-programs/acp/certifications.html>).

Admission Requirements

- 1) Graduate application to the university (<https://tamut-4162.app451.sites.451.io/>)
- 2) Application to Alternative Certification Program (ACP) in TK20 (<https://tamut.tk20.com/campustoolshighered/start.do>)
- 3) Official transcripts on file with Admission Office
- 4) Undergraduate or graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution, or will be awarded a bachelor's degree in the current semester
- 5) 2.7 or higher GPA undergraduate cumulative or last 60 hours for non-degree seeking ACP; 3.0 or higher GPA for Master's in Curriculum & Instruction
- 6) Required content hours for certification sought **OR** TX PACT (https://www.tx.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html) (Pre-admission Content Test) exam passed in content level/area for certification (submit score report to ACP Office) Note: PACT exam is for admission only and does not fulfill certification requirements.
- 7) Oral interview with faculty

Out of Country Applicants

- Out of country applicants to the teacher preparation program must meet ONE of the following:
 - Verification of satisfactory score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language- Internet-Based Test (TOEFL-IBT). Scores are required for all four areas: Speaking (24), Listening (22), Reading (22), and Writing (21)
 - Completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree in the U.S.
 - Completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree outside of the U.S. where English was the primary language of instruction
 - Verification of three creditable years of teaching experience in an educational setting in the U.S.

Please contact education@tamut.edu or (903) 223-3044.

For additional information and for a list of Certifications offered (<https://tamut.edu/academic-programs/acp/certifications.html>) please visit the Graduate Alternative Certification Program (<https://tamut.edu/academic-programs/acp/>) website.