

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - EC-6 CERTIFICATION

## Required Admission into the Teacher Preparation Program

The Texas A&M University–Texarkana Teaching and Professional Programs in Education (TPPE) is a TEA approved Educator Preparation Program and offers baccalaureate degrees for students seeking teacher certification in Texas. In addition to being admitted into a Texas Education Agency (TEA) approved Texas Educator Preparation Program, to become a certified Texas educator, passing the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) is required. Applications for admission to the Texas A&M University-Texarkana Teacher Preparation Program are accepted for in February for the Spring and September for the Fall Semesters. Listed below are the Admission requirements for the A&M University-Texarkana Educator Preparation Program:

Admission Requirements:

1. Application to the program submitted through TK20 (<https://tamut.tk20.com/campustoolshighered/start.do>) (includes a \$35 fee)
2. **Overall GPA of 2.70 or higher**
3. Passing score on writing sample and interview (completed during ED 311)
4. Required content hours for EC-6 certifications, 12 semester hours from four of the areas listed below with **no grade below "C"**:
  - a. 3 semester hours from ENG prefix
  - b. 3 semester hours from MATH prefix
  - c. 3 semester hours from GOVT or HIST prefix
  - d. 3 semester hours from BIOL, PHYS, or CHEM prefix
  - e. 3 semester hours from Arts or Technology

## 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). The acceptable passing scores are: Speaking 24, Listening 22, Reading 22, 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. from the list of approved countries generated by the Texas Education Agency.

For more information email [education@tamut.edu](mailto:education@tamut.edu) (<http://catalog.tamut.edu/arts-sciences-education/teacher-certifications/education@tamut.edu>).

## Degree Requirements

Students should refer to their DegreeWorks degree audit in their Web for Students account for more information regarding their degree requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
General Education Requirements ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		42
ED 402	Introduction to Fine Arts, Health, and PE in the Elementary Setting	3
ENG 305	Children's Literature I	3
ENG 410	Writing Processes & Strategies	3
HIST 460	Cultural History of Texas	3
HIST 2321 or HIST 2322	World Civilization I <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup> World Civilization II	3
MATH 1350	Fundamentals of Mathematics I	3
MATH 1351	Fundamentals of Math II	3
MATH 326	Problem Solving for Elementary Teachers	3
RDG 350	Early Literacy Development and the Science of Teaching Reading (EL)	3
RDG 352	Comprehension and Written Expression for Upper Elementary Students <sup>9</sup>	3
RDG 354	Assessment Driven Literacy Instruction <sup>9</sup>	3
SPED 410	Introduction to Individual with Exceptionalities	3
<b>Other: EC-6 Generalist</b>		
BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Majors I <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3

BIOL 1108	Biology for Non-science Majors I Lab <sup>7</sup>	1
BIOL 1309	Biology for Non-Science Majors II <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
BIOL 1109	Biology for Non-science Majors II Lab <sup>7</sup>	1
MATH 1314	College Algebra <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
PHYS 1415	Physical Science I	4
ITED 315	Introduction to Instructional Technology	3
<b>Choose 12sch from the following:</b>		<b>12</b>
ECE 401	Early Childhood Education: History and Philosophy	
ECE 402	Teaching Practices in Early Childhood Classroom	
ED 403	Curriculum for Teaching Young Children	
ESL 400	Foundations of English as a Second Language (ESL) Education	
ESL 457	Innovative Learner - Centered Strategies for Student Success	
SPED 415	Teaching Students with Low Incidence Disabilities	
SPED 417	Teaching Students with High-Incidence Disabilities	
SPED 418	Inclusion of Students with High Support Needs in the Content Areas	
<b>Prof. Development in EC-6 Generalist</b>		
EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession <sup>8</sup>	3
EDUC 2301	Introduction to Special Populations	3
ED 311	Teaching and Learning for Social Change (EL)	3
ED 486	Content Knowledge for EC-6 Educators	3
ED 487	Strategies for EC-6 Educators <sup>9</sup>	3
ESL 472	Instruction for Emergent Bilinguals	3
<b>Block 1:</b>		
ED 331	Classroom and Behavior Management <sup>10</sup>	3
ED 495	Field-Based Co-Teaching Semester <sup>10</sup>	3
<b>Block 2:</b>		
ED 496	Clinical Co-Teaching Semester (EL) <sup>11</sup>	3
<b>Electives (As needed to satisfy minimum degree requirements and 54 semester credit hours of Upper Division Coursework)</b>		
<b>Minimum Grade of "C" required in all Major, Ed, SPED and Professional Development Courses</b>		
<b>Minimum Hours for Degree</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>6</sup> See Other Requirements

<sup>7</sup> Note: Indicates 1 hour science labs.

<sup>8</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum

<sup>9</sup> Requires Admission to Teacher Prep Program

<sup>10</sup> Requires successful placement interview with a partnership public school district

<sup>11</sup> Requires passing all TExES exams

**Minimum Grade of "C" is required in all Major, Education, RDG, SPED, Tracks and Professional Development courses**

Note: A minimum of 54 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.

## Elementary Education EC-6 Certification 4 Year Plan

### First Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
ENGL 1301	Composition I <sup>requires minimum grade of 'C', Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
HIST 1301	United States History I <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
Creative Arts Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3

IS 1100	University Foundations	mandatory for FTIC students only	1
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>13</b>
<b>Spring</b>			<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 1302	Composition II	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
or ENGL 2311	Technical Writing & Communication		
HIST 1302	United States History II	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
PHYS 1415	Physical Science I	Satisfies Core Curriculum	4
Social and Behavioral Science Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )			3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>13</b>
<b>Total First Year Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>26</b>

Note: The following courses are included in the major GPA calculation:

## Second Year

Code	Title	Hours	
<b>Fall</b>			
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>			
PSCI 2305	U.S. Government and Politics	3	
MATH 1350	Fundamentals of Mathematics I	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Majors I	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
BIOL 1108	Biology for Non-science Majors I Lab	Satisfies Core Curriculum	1
COMM 1307	Introduction to Mass Communication	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
or SPCH 1315	Public Speaking		
EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>			<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
PSCI 2306	State and Local Government	3	
MATH 1351	Fundamentals of Math II	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
BIOL 1309	Biology for Non-Science Majors II	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
BIOL 1109	Biology for Non-science Majors II Lab	Satisfies Core Curriculum	1
EDUC 2301	Introduction to Special Populations	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
HIST 2321	World Civilization I	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
or HIST 2322	World Civilization II		
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>16</b>
<b>Total Second Year Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>32</b>
Note: The following courses are included in the major GPA calculation: MATH 1350, 1351, HIST 2321, EDUC 1301, 2301			

## Third Year

Code	Title	Hours	
<b>Fall</b>			
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>			
ED 311	Teaching and Learning for Social Change (EL)	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
ENG 305	Children's Literature I	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
HIST 460	Cultural History of Texas	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
MATH 326	Problem Solving for Elementary Teachers	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
RDG 352	Comprehension and Written Expression for Upper Elementary Students	requires minimum grade of 'C'	3
SPED 410	Introduction to Individual with Exceptionalities		3

<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Spring</b>		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ED 486	Content Knowledge for EC-6 Educators <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ED 487	Strategies for EC-6 Educators <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ENG 410	Writing Processes & Strategies	3
ESL 472	Instruction for Emergent Bilinguals	3
RDG 350	Early Literacy Development and the Science of Teaching Reading (EL) <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
Select one course from ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418 <small><sup>1</sup>2sch is required from this group</small>		3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Total Third Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>
<b>Note: The following courses are included in the major GPA calculation: ED 311, 486, 487, ENG 305, 410, ESL 472, HIST 460, MATH 326, RDG 350, 352, SPED 410, 415, 417, 418, ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457</b>		

## Fourth Year

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<b>Fall</b>		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ED 495	Field-Based Co-Teaching Semester <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ED 331	Classroom and Behavior Management <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ED 402	Introduction to Fine Arts, Health, and PE in the Elementary Setting	3
RDG 354	Assessment Driven Literacy Instruction <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
Select one course from ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418 <small><sup>1</sup>2sch is required from this group</small>		3
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<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Spring</b>		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ED 496	Clinical Co-Teaching Semester (EL)	3
ITED 315	Introduction to Instructional Technology	3
Select one course from ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418 <small><sup>1</sup>2sch is required from this group</small>		3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Fourth Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>27</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours Required for Degree</b>		<b>120</b>
<b>Note: The following courses are included in the major GPA calculation: ED 331, 495, 496, 402, RDG 354, ITED 315, ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418</b>		

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