Required Exams and Fees for Initial Teacher Certification

All students enrolled in teacher certification programs at the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate level are required to take the appropriate Texas Examinations for Educator Standards tests (TExES) before they can be certified. Students are granted test approvals during the last two semesters of the PDS. Please note that students are limited to a total of five test attempts per certification exam. Please visit the Texas Education Agency's Educator Testing page for more information, including an FAQ on examination retakes.

For a breakdown on all fees associated with preparing for the teacher certification, please refer to the Teacher Certification Fees page.

TExES and BTLPT Exams

All-Level certification seekers:
- TExES #160, Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES for your teaching field.

English as a Second Language (ESL)/Early Childhood to Sixth Grade Generalist certification seekers:
- TExES #160, Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES #291, Core Subjects EC-6
- TExES #154, ESL Supplemental
- Effective 1/1/2021: Science of Teaching Reading Test

Early Childhood to Sixth Grade Generalist with Bilingual Education certification seekers:
- TExES #160, Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES #291, Core Subjects EC-6
- TExES #164, Bilingual Supplemental
- BTLPT #190, Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (Spanish)
- Effective 1/1/2021: Science of Teaching Reading Test

All-Level Generic Special Education certification seekers:
- TExES #160, Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES #291, Core Subjects EC-6
- TExES #161, Special Education EC-12
- Effective 1/1/2021: Science of Teaching Reading Test

Middle Grade certification seekers:
- TExES #160, Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES 4-8 subject area test for your field
- For ELAR 4-8 only - Effective 1/1/2021: Science of Teaching Reading Test

Secondary Grade certification seekers:
- TExES #160, Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- TExES 7-12 or 8-12 subject area test for your field