



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Education

Office of Educator Certification

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ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Initial Certification with Master's Degree (ICM)

Master's of Art and Teaching (MAT)

- 1) Apply online to the Graduate School (link below). Then, contact the Business Office to pay the \$25.00 application fee. Please send official transcripts to gschool@sfasu.edu (electronically from institution)

or to: Graduate School

P. O. Box 13024 – SFA Station

Nacogdoches, TX 75962

The Graduate School will calculate the GPA to determine eligibility. The requirements for admission to the Graduate School are a 2.5 overall and a 2.8 in the last 60 hours.

http://www2.sfasu.edu/graduate/ProspStudents/apply_cert.html

- 2) Take and pass the Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT). The ETS Testing Company will email the test score report to the applicant. Then, the applicant will forward the score report to the Educator Certification Office at corleyjo@sfasu.edu

Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT):

The Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT) is required for the subject in which you are seeking certification. The PACT is the same test as the TExES content state exam; the difference is that you are required to take it as a “pre-admission” status. The advantages are 1) taking and passing the PACT prior to admission reduces the amount of required coursework and 2) taking and passing the PACT prior to admission will provide eligibility for the one-year teaching internship on a Probationary Certificate.

Please see the link below for **study guide information**:

<http://www.sfasu.edu/education/departments/educatorcertification/credentials/prepmanualsreview.asp>

<http://www.texas.ets.org/prepMaterials/>

Please see the link below for **registration instructions for the PACT**. These instructions offer specific instructions for the PACT

http://www.texas.ets.org/assets/pdf/PACT/information_for_candidates_regarding_preadmission_content_tests_pact.pdf

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME PACT ARE ADMINISTED AS A PAPER BASED TEST (PBT) AND SOME ARE ADMINISTED AS A COMPUTER ADMINISTERED TEST (CAT).

- 3) Upon receipt, the Educator Certification will verify that the applicant has been admitted to the Graduate School, confirm the test results with the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC), and admit the applicant to the Educator Certification Program. An application fee of \$100.00 applies to this process and will be charged to the applicant's SFA student account.
- 4) The applicant will receive a degree plan and academic advising from the department. The department will indicate if the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be required within the first semester.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE):

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for the verbal and quantitative sections. The total score of both sections needs to be 750. Please see the link below to register for the GRE. <http://www.ets.org/gre/>

Contact Information

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Educator Certification: Jo Lynn Corley at corleyjo@sfasu.edu

Certification Information

Please remember that a Texas Standard Teaching Certificate requires individuals to complete the required coursework, required state exams, and a field experience. After you complete our Texas Standard Teaching Certificate, you will have the option to continue coursework in your program area to complete a Master's Degree.

The Educator Certification Office will continue to advise you regarding your field experience and state exams. The two options for field experience are: student teaching or the one-year teaching internship on a Probationary Certificate. Student teaching application deadlines are the semester prior to student teaching: February 15 or September 15. The one-year teaching internship on a Probationary Certificate requires employment with a Texas accredited school district for a position that matches your certification area and grade level. The Educator Certification Office will need to be notified upon employment.

Please visit our website at www.sfaonline.sfasu.edu/pbic

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