

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Criteria for Admission to Educator Certification**

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1. A **degree plan** with approximately 66 semester hours completed including at least 12 at SFASU. (The student should file a degree plan after completing 45 hours.)
2. The following hours must be included:
  - \_\_\_6 hours of Freshman English with at least a C in each class
  - \_\_\_4 hours of science
  - \_\_\_3 hours of history
  - \_\_\_3 hours of political science
  - \_\_\_3 hours of college level mathematics
  - \_\_\_3 hours of EPS 380 with at least a C, or evidence of current enrollment (grade will be verified)
3. Overall **GPA at SFA of 2.5** or higher. The GPA must be maintained throughout the program.
4. A **GPA of 2.5 or higher in teaching field** courses that can be found on the degree plan under the specific teaching field. This GPA is calculated using only classes taken at SFA. The GPA must be maintained throughout the program.

**All students must provide evidence of basic skills test scores even if TASP/THEA exempt**  
**Test Scores must be within the past 5 years. TASP scores are no longer accepted.**

5. Demonstrate skills in **reading** with one of the following:
  - a. **THEA** Reading score of **245**
  - b. **ACT** composite score of **23**
  - c. **SAT** total score of **1070** – critical thinking and math only
  - d. **GRE** total score of **800** with at least **400** in both verbal and quantitative domains.
  - e. **Accu-placer** Reading score of **83**
6. Demonstrate skills in **written communication** with one of the following:
  - a. **THEA** Writing score of **220**
  - b. **ACT** composite score of **23**
  - c. **SAT** total score of **1070** – **critical thinking and math only**
  - d. **GRE** total score of **800** with at least **400** in both verbal and quantitative domains
  - e. **Accu-placer** Written Essay score of **6**. An essay score of **5** is acceptable with a minimum Sentence Skills score of **80**.
7. Demonstrate skills in **mathematics** with one of the following:
  - a. **THEA** Math score of **230**
  - b. **ACT** composite score of **23**
  - c. **SAT** total score of **1070** – critical thinking and math only
  - d. **GRE** total score of **800** with at least a **400** verbal score and a **400** quantitative score
  - e. **Accu-placer** Math score of **63**
8. The State of Texas conducts a criminal background check on all applicants for a teaching certificate; therefore, our candidates must be of good character and high ethical standards. Candidates should be aware that the commissioner of education may refuse to issue a teaching certificate for a person who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor for a crime directly relating to the candidate's duties and responsibilities in the teaching profession.
9. Students must read and adhere to the policies and procedures listed in the Undergraduate Initial Certification Handbook

**A \$100 application fee applies and will be charged to the applicant's SFA student account.**