

Stephen F. Austin State University
Application for the Early Childhood-6
Distance Education Completion Program

(Please print)

Name _____		
Address _____		
(City) _____	(State) _____	(Zip Code) _____
Home Phone # _____	Work Phone # _____	
Cell Phone # _____		
E-Mail Work _____	E-Mail Home _____	
Are you currently working in a school as a paraprofessional or other position _____		
School District _____	Location _____	Grade Level _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THIS PROGRAM

1. Self discipline and technological skills
2. GPA of 3.0 in approved 42-45 hours of specified courses
3. Prior or current experiences with children and access to an EC-6 classroom for field experience
4. Commitment to four trips to Nacogdoches, Texas, to coincide with laboratory courses and current TX resident.

PRIORITIES FOR ADMISSION TO THIS PROGRAM

1. Priority will be given to applicants who have experience working in classrooms with children pre-k through 6th grade.
2. Priority will also be given to students living sixty miles or more from campus or having other circumstances limiting the ability for on-campus instruction including but not limited to:
 - a. head of household with dependents,
 - b. fulltime job,
 - c. other extenuating circumstances.
3. Priority will also be given to students who exhibit exemplary writing skills reflected in this application.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

1. I agree to take all SFA courses online. I understand that the content in online courses is configured differently from face-to-face courses.
2. I will be able to come to the SFASU campus in Nacogdoches, at my own expense, one trip per semester, not to exceed three days in any given trip for practicums which coincide with courses.
3. I realize the courses in this program must be taken in a specified sequence.
4. I have access to a computer, scanner, and Microsoft Office software, digital camera and video camera.
5. I have access to EC-6 public school classrooms and can get permission to video record or use a webcam to demonstrate my teaching skills.
6. I understand that all rules, policies and requirements of the University, College of Education, and Department of Elementary Education shall apply to student admission and continuance in the program.
7. I understand that to take my TExES state certification exams, I must provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, drivers license, state or providence ID cards, a national ID card or military ID card.
8. I further understand that I will be required to student teach and pass TExES state exams in order to become certified to teach in EC-6 classrooms.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Early Childhood-6

Distance Education Completion Program Information

We recommend **face-to-face courses** and think these courses best serve most students. Observation/teaching experiences in the Early Childhood Laboratory and Charter School provide exemplary models for future teachers. Often, however, dedicated students must find other avenues of preparation in order to pursue their career goals. This online program is one that **paraprofessionals** and qualifying students may choose in order to complete a bachelor's degree and become certified to teach pre-kindergarten through grade six. To provide teacher candidates with exemplary classroom experiences, they must come to Stephen F. Austin State University and observe/participate in the Early Childhood Laboratory and Charter School classrooms for **two to three days to coincide with designated laboratory classes**. Only one trip to campus per semester will be necessary.

The SFASU courses must be taken in a specified sequence. Candidates may take twelve to fourteen hours per semester. The program is designed so the online courses required to complete the degree could be completed in five semesters excluding summers. Additional courses from community colleges could be taken during summers.

Personal Information-Written Responses

Using a separate sheet, please respond, in writing, to the following questions. Be sure to type/word process your **list of answers and restate each question in your document**. Attach the prepared list of questions to the application.

1. What is your overall GPA?
2. Why do you want to be in this online program?
3. Which factors prohibit you from taking courses on campus?
4. Where do you live? Is this more than sixty miles away from campus?
5. Share your prior experience working with children (including your own.)
6. If you are currently working, describe your position.
7. Describe your technological skills. List software that you use.
8. Explain your experience with web-enhanced or online courses.
9. Do you have access to a computer, Microsoft Office software, and a scanner?
10. Do you have access to a digital camera and video camera?

Steps to be Completed for Admission to the Program and University

- _____ Apply for admission to the **Early Childhood-6, Distance Education Completion Program** (Admission to the program is contingent upon admission to the University.)
- _____ Apply for admission to Stephen F. Austin State University. <http://www.sfasu.edu/admissions/transfer/>
- _____ Apply for financial aid if needed. <http://www2.sfasu.edu/faid/>
- _____ Be advised by the Coordinator of this program, Dr. Paula Griffin: griffinp@sfasu.edu

To complete the EC-6 Program requires a total of 120-121 hours depending on whether labs are taken in the communication section of the core courses.

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Please visit the Website for this program at:

<http://www.sfasu.edu/elementaryed/97.asp>

Please submit your completed application, your written responses, signed agreement (page one), along with all unofficial transcripts (copies are acceptable) to:

**Dr. Paula Griffin, Coordinator
Stephen F. Austin State University
Department of Elementary Education
P.O. Box 13017 – SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75962
Office: (936) 468-6284 Fax: (936) 468-1701**

Email: griffinp@sfasu.edu

TRANSFER COURSES

Transfer Policy: 66 academic credit hours from the following specified courses may be taken at local community colleges and transferred to SFA. A total of 42-45 hours from the following list must be completed to be eligible for the program.

* Please insert your grade earned for all completed courses.

AREA	SFA COURSE	CC COURSE	CREDIT HOURS	SFA'S DESCRIPTION	* GRADE
COMMUNICATIONS 12-13 hrs	ENG 131	ENGL 1301	3	Composition; Rhetoric and Argument	
	ENG 132	ENGL 1302	3	Composition and Rhetoric: Critical and Analytical	
	COM 111	SPCH 1315	3	Public Speaking	
	AND	AND		AND	
	SPA 131 + L	SPAN 1411	3-4	Elementary Spanish I (or Other Foreign Language)	
	OR	OR		OR	
MATHEMATICS 9 hrs	ENG 273	ENGL 2311		Technical & Scientific Writing	
	MTH 127	MATH 1350	3	Introduction to Math for Elementary Teachers	
	MTH 128	MATH 1351	3	Intermediate Math For Elementary Teachers	
NATURAL SCIENCES 8 hrs NOTE: As of Fall 2010, new students must have sciences from three different areas. Two sciences can be taken from a C.C. and one can be taken from SFA. Students who transfer in core complete, may have two sciences from the same area.	MTH 138	MATH 1314	3	College Algebra	
	CHE 111 + L	CHEM 1405	4	Introductory Chemistry I	
	OR	OR		OR	
	PHY 101 + L	PHYS 1405	4	General Physics I	
	OR	OR		OR	
	BIO 121 + L	BIOL 1408	4	Concepts of Biology	
	OR	OR		OR	
GOL 131 + L	GEOL 1403		Introductory Geology		
HUMANITIES & VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS 6 hrs	ART 280	ARTS 1301	3	Art Appreciation	
	OR	OR		OR	
	THR 161	DRAM 1310		Theatre Appreciation	
	OR	OR		OR	
	MUS 140	MUSI 1306		Music Appreciation	
	AND	AND	AND		
	ENG _____	ENG _____	3	Third semester of English (must be Literature; Sophomore Level)	
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES 15 hrs	HIS 133	HIST 1301	3	U.S. History Survey: 1000-1877	
	HIS 134	HIST 1302	3	U.S. History Survey; 1877 Present	
	PSC 141	GOVT 2301 or 2305	3	Intro. to American Government: Theory & Politics	
	PSC 142	GOVT 2302 or 2306	3	Intro. to American Government: Structure & Functions	
	GEO 131	GEOG 1303	3	World Regional Geography	
EARLY CHILDHOOD 6 hrs	HMS 241 + L	EDUC 1301	3	EDUC= Introduction to the Teaching Profession	
	SPE 329	EDUC 2301	3	EDUC=Introduction to Special Populations	
COLLEGES ATTENDED:					
1.			Credit hours earned		
2.			Credit hours earned		
3.			Credit hours earned		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS EARNED					