Three Paths to Teacher Certification Offered at Texas State University for Post-Baccalaureates

Teacher Recruitment Program (TRP) Accelerated 2 semester certification program with Masters Degree (Round Rock Campus program)	Certification and Masters Students (CMED) Masters Degree program with certification built-in Available on either campus	Teacher Certification (Stand-Alone) Plan (Not Seeking a Graduate Degree)
Review the information on the TRP website: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees- certifications/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program Attend a monthly information session, for which you may register at the link above.	Review the information on our website, which describes the various graduate degree programs. https://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-certifications/graduate.html You may also contact the CMED Advisor at elemedgrad@txstate.edu	Attend an Information Session provided by the Office of Educator Preparation: oep@txstate.edu
Apply to the Graduate College as a master's degree seeking student. (Fee: \$55, \$90 for international applicants) https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX	Apply to the Graduate College as a master's degree seeking student (Fee: \$55.00, \$90 for international applicants) https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX Your degree audit from the Graduate College will list the classes required for your master's degree. It should be very similar to the certification plan, but will not have student teaching on it.	Apply to the Graduate College as a Teacher Certification (Stand-Alone) student. (Fee: \$20 for post-bacc application, \$60 for international applicants) https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c start.WBX (If you might want a master's degree a few years later, please apply as a degree-seeking student. It may only add one semester to your program. If you wait to declare "degree seeking, only 9 post grad hours may count towards a master's degree."
Interview and Orientation: If your application is accepted, you will be contacted for an in-person interview. After the review process, if you are selected for TRP, plan to attend a TRP Orientation session prior to registration.		
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Certification Plan: After acceptance by the EPP, you will apply for a Certification Plan, which tells you the classes needed for teacher certification. Fee: \$75 https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/admittance/certification-plan.html	Certification Plan: After acceptance by the EPP, you will apply for a Certification Plan, which tells you the classes needed for teacher certification and will be the same as your degree audit. Fee: \$75 https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/admittance/certification-plan.html	Certification Plan: After acceptance by the EPP, you will apply for a Certification Plan, which tells you the classes needed for teacher certification. Fee: \$75 https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/admittance/certification-plan.html
Begin taking classes. You must take classes in the sequence specified at TRP orientation. You will be able to complete the certification portion of TRP in two (2) long semesters. If you wish to continue for a master's degree, you will have 5 years to complete from the time you were accepted into the graduate college.	Begin taking classes. You must complete all classes prior to student teaching. You will receive your teacher certification about the same time you receive your degree, approximately 2 ½ years after beginning the program.	Begin taking classes. You must complete all classes on your certification plan prior to student teaching. It will likely take you about 2 ½ years to complete your coursework and student teaching.
Complete Field Experience. Field experience is included in your program during the first semester. You will spend two (2) days per week in a RRISD school.	Complete Field Experience. This must be completed before student teaching. See website for information. https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/field-experience/observations.html	Complete Field Experience. This must be completed before student teaching. See website for information. https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/field-experience/observations.html

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certification/clinical-teaching.html	certification/clinical-teaching.html	certification/clinical-teaching.html
Preparation Resources for the Certification Exams are available online: https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certification-exams/testprep.html	Preparation Resources for the Certification Exams are available online: https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certification-exams/testprep.html	Preparation Resources for the Certification Exams are available online: https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certification-exams/testprep.html
Register to take Certification Exams prior to student teaching semester. https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certification-exams/registration.html	Register to take Certification Exams prior to student teaching semester. https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certification-exams/registration.html	Register to take Certification Exams prior to student teaching semester. https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certification-exams/registration.html
During Student Teaching Semester, finish any certification exams.	During Student Teaching Semester, finish any certification exams.	During Student Teaching Semester, finish any certification exams.
Apply for Certification after you have passed your certification exams and completed student teaching. https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certificate-issuance.html	Apply for Certification after you have passed your certification exams and completed student teaching. https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certificate-issuance.html	Apply for Certification after you have passed your certification exams and completed student teaching. https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/current/initial-certification/certificate-issuance.html
Complete the remaining coursework for your degree. Take the elementary comprehensive exam in your last semesters. https://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/resources/student-resources/comps.html	Take the elementary comprehensive exam in one of your last three semesters. https://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/resources/student-resources/comps.html	
Apply for Graduation at the beginning of your last semester: https://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/students/graduation. httml	Apply for Graduation at the beginning of your last semester: https://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/students/graduation. https://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/students/graduation.	
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