

APPLYING FOR THE TXST ACCELERATED ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



SUBMIT AN ONLINE APPLICATION

- Complete the official graduate application through [Texas State's portal](#).
- Select "Teacher Certification." Be sure to check admission deadlines and availability.
- Pay the nonrefundable application fee using a credit or debit card. Applications will not be processed until the fee is paid. Additional fees will be incurred if an incorrect application is submitted.

DEGREE AND TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution before starting their certification coursework.
- Submit a transcript from every institution where you earned credit. Unofficial transcripts can be uploaded during the application process, but official transcripts must be provided before registering for the second semester.
- Include both front and back pages along with the transcript legend.

SCREENER ASSESSMENT

- Your application will include a screener assessment to evaluate your knowledge, experience, skills, and aptitude for teaching. The screener will impact your admission to the program.
- Based on your screener a follow-up interview may be conducted to further assess your fit for the program. The final decision will be made by the Program Coordinator and must be approved by the Director of Educator Preparation.

LOW GPA EXCEPTIONS

- Applicants with a GPA of 2.74 or lower may still be eligible for admission through an exception to the minimum GPA requirement. This exception requires a passing score on the appropriate PACT exam, submitting a resume, and an interview.
- For this program, the Program Coordinator acts as the decision-making delegate of the Director of Educator Preparation, but the final written approval must come from the Director.

PROCESS FOR GPA EXCEPTIONS

- Submit unofficial PACT exam scores along with a resume, which will be reviewed by the Program Coordinator for Accelerated Alternative Certification. The guide and rubric for the resume will be emailed to applicants.
- The interview will assess if your work, business, or career experience demonstrates an achievement equivalent to the required GPA.
- If you pass the necessary PACT exam, achieve the required score on your resume review, and there is still room available in the program, you will be admitted.

PAYMENT AND CHANGES

- If you need to modify your application or apply to multiple programs, you must pay the corresponding fees for each new submission.

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