

Certification Exam Timeline

TXST OEP

Testing sequence memo

Fall 2026 - Spring 2027 | OEP Testing Requirements Update

Use this one-page guide to plan required TExES exam timing for residency, IAP, and clinical teaching pathways.

EC-6/ESL

Residency (Fall 2026-Spring 2027)

Exam	Required deadline
ESL	After ESL Block courses and prior to first semester of residency
Core Subjects EC-6	By the end of the first semester of residency
STR	By end of second semester of residency
PPR	By end of second semester of residency if not meeting performance gates criteria (by 3rd performance gate).

Special Education

Residency (Fall 2026-Spring 2027)

Exam	Required deadline
ESL	After ESL Block courses and prior to start of first semester of residency
Special Education	Prior to the first semester of residency
Core Subjects EC-6	By the end of the first semester of residency
STR	By end of second semester of residency
PPR	By end of second semester of residency if not meeting performance gates criteria (by 3rd performance gate).

Bilingual

Residency (Fall 2026-Spring 2027)

Exam	Required deadline
Core Subjects EC-6	By the end of the first semester of residency
Bilingual Education	By end of second semester of residency (new test)
STR	By end of second semester of residency
PPR	By end of second semester of residency if not meeting performance gates criteria (by 3rd performance gate).

Secondary

Residency (Fall 2026-Spring 2027)

Exam	Required deadline
Content Exam	By the end of the first semester of residency
PPR	By end of second semester of residency if not meeting performance gates criteria (by 3rd performance gate).

IAP

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Exam	Required deadline
TExES exam requirements	Follow the same testing requirements as Residency.

Clinical Teaching

Fall 2026 and Spring 2027

Exam	Required deadline
Designated Exam	Prior to start of clinical teaching
PPR	By end of clinical teaching; due date will be noted in syllabus.
Course component note	Both the Designated Exam and PPR are required course components. If not passed by the end of clinical teaching, a grade of Incomplete (I) will be assigned.

Clinical Teaching: Fall 2027 or later

Transitions to the same testing sequence/requirements as Residency, including additional exams completed before and during the clinical experience.

Reference

Certification exam information: education.txst.edu/oep/current/ug-initial-certification/certification-exams.html