

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - EC-6 CERTIFICATION

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The Teacher Preparation Program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana is an approved educator preparation program through the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The program provides baccalaureate degrees for students pursuing teacher certification in Texas.

To become a certified Texas educator, candidates must:

- Gain admission to a TEA-approved Educator Preparation Program
- Complete all program requirements and graduate from the program
- Pass the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES)

Applications are accepted twice per year:

- **Spring Semester:** Applications due in February
- **Fall Semester:** Applications due in September

## Admission Requirements

### General Requirements

1. **Program Application:** Submit application through the Educator Portal
2. **Academic Standing:** Maintain an overall GPA of 2.70 or higher
3. **Assessment:** Pass a screening instrument (completed during ED 311 course)

### Content Area Requirements for EC-6 Certification

Prior to admission to the Teacher Preparation Program, complete 12 semester hours from **four** of the following content areas with no grade below "C":

- **English:** 3 semester hours with ENG prefix
- **Mathematics:** 3 semester hours with MATH prefix
- **Social Studies:** 3 semester hours with GOVT or HIST prefix
- **Science:** 3 semester hours with BIOL, PHYS, or CHEM prefix
- **Arts or Technology:** 3 semester hours

Educators who apply for certification are required to demonstrate English language proficiency by fulfilling one of the following requirements:

1. Completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or one of its territories.
2. Verification of a minimum scaled score that falls within the High-Intermediate level in each section on the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL-iBT).
3. An undergraduate or graduate degree that was earned at an institution of higher education in a country outside of the United States listed in the figure provided below.  
Figure: 19 TAC §230.11(b)(5)(C) (<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sbec-rules-tac/sbec-tac-currently-in-effect/19-230-0011-1.pdf>)
4. A standard certificate issued by the department of education in another state where examinations for the certificate were taken and passed. Applicants must submit official test score reports along with the out-of-state standard certificate for the credentials review. EPP candidates must submit official score reports to the program.

For more information, email [education@tamt.edu](mailto:education@tamt.edu).

## Degree Requirements

Students should refer to their DegreeWorks degree audit in their Web for Students account for more information regarding their degree requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="http://catalog.tamt.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamt.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )	42
ED 402	Physical Education, Health, and Music Methods for Elementary Educators	3
ED 490	Field Based Enactment	3
ENG 305	Children's Literature I	3
ENG 410	Writing Processes & Strategies	3
HIST 460	Cultural History of Texas	3

HIST 2321 or HIST 2322	World Civilization I World Civilization II	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
MATH 1350	Fundamentals of Mathematics I		3
MATH 1351	Fundamentals of Math II		3
MATH 326	Problem Solving for Elementary Teachers		3
RDG 350	Early Literacy Development and the Science of Teaching Reading (EL)		3
RDG 352	Comprehension and Written Expression for Upper Elementary Students <sup>9</sup>		3
SPED 410	Introduction to Individual with Exceptionalities		3
<b>Other: EC-6 Generalist</b>			
BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Majors I	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
BIOL 1108	Biology for Non-science Majors I Lab <sup>7</sup>		1
BIOL 1309	Biology for Non-Science Majors II	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
BIOL 1109	Biology for Non-science Majors II Lab <sup>7</sup>		1
MATH 1314	College Algebra	Satisfies Core Curriculum	3
PHYS 1415	Physical Science I		4
ITED 315	Introduction to Instructional Technology		3
<b>Choose 12sch from the following:</b>			<b>12</b>
ECE 401	Early Childhood Education: History and Philosophy		
ECE 402	Teaching Practices in Early Childhood Classroom		
ED 403	Curriculum for Teaching Young Children		
ESL 400	Foundations of English as a Second Language (ESL) Education		
ESL 457	Innovative Learner - Centered Strategies for Student Success		
SPED 415	Teaching Students with Low Incidence Disabilities		
SPED 417	Teaching Students with High-Incidence Disabilities		
SPED 418	Inclusion of Students with High Support Needs in the Content Areas		
<b>Prof. Development in EC-6 Generalist</b>			
EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession <sup>8</sup>		3
EDUC 2301	Introduction to Special Populations		3
ED 311	Growth and Development for EC-12 Grade		3
ED 486	Social Studies, ELAR, Art, and Theatre Arts Methods for Elementary Educators		3
ED 487	Content and Strategies for EC-6 Math and Science <sup>9</sup>		3
ESL 472	Instruction for Emergent Bilinguals		3
<b>Block 1:</b>			
ED 331	Classroom and Behavior Management <sup>10</sup>		3
ED 495	Clinical Experience I <sup>10</sup>		3
<b>Block 2:</b>			
ED 496	Clinical Experience II <sup>11</sup>		3
<b>Electives (As needed to satisfy minimum degree requirements and 54 semester credit hours of Upper Division Coursework)</b>			
<b>Minimum Grade of "C" required in all Major, Ed, SPED and Professional Development Courses</b>			
<b>Minimum Hours for Degree</b>			<b>120</b>

6 See Other Requirements

7 Note: Indicates 1 hour science labs.

8 Satisfies Core Curriculum

9 Requires Admission to Teacher Prep Program

10 Requires successful placement interview with a partnership public school district

11 Requires passing all TExES exams

**Minimum Grade of "C" is required in all Major, Education, RDG, SPED, Tracks and Professional Development courses**

Note: A minimum of 54 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.

# Elementary Education EC-6 Certification 4 Year Plan

## First Year

Code	Title	Hours
		Semester
		Credit
		Hours
Fall		
ENGL 1301	Composition I <small>requires minimum grade of 'C', Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
HIST 1301	United States History I <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
Creative Arts Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3
UNIV 1100	University Foundations	1
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
Spring		
ENGL 1302	Composition II <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
or ENGL 2311	Technical Writing & Communication	
HIST 1302	United States History II <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
PHYS 1415	Physical Science I <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	4
Social and Behavioral Science Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total First Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>26</b>

Note: The following courses are included in the major GPA calculation:

## Second Year

Code	Title	Hours
		Semester
		Credit
		Hours
Fall		
PSCI 2305	U.S. Government and Politics	3
MATH 1350	Fundamentals of Mathematics I <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Majors I <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
BIOL 1108	Biology for Non-science Majors I Lab <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	1
COMM 1307	Introduction to Mass Communication <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
or SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	
EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
Spring		
PSCI 2306	State and Local Government	3
MATH 1351	Fundamentals of Math II <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
BIOL 1309	Biology for Non-Science Majors II <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
BIOL 1109	Biology for Non-science Majors II Lab <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	1
EDUC 2301	Introduction to Special Populations <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
HIST 2321	World Civilization I <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
or HIST 2322	World Civilization II	
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Second Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

Note: The following courses are included in the major GPA calculation: MATH 1350, 1351, HIST 2321, EDUC 1301, 2301

## Third Year

Code	Title	Hours
		Semester Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
ED 311	Growth and Development for EC-12 Grade <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ENG 305	Children's Literature I <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ESL 472	Instruction for Emergent Bilinguals	3
MATH 326	Problem Solving for Elementary Teachers <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
RDG 352	Comprehension and Written Expression for Upper Elementary Students <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
SPED 410	Introduction to Individual with Exceptionalities	3
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
		Semester Credit Hours
ED 486	Social Studies, ELAR, Art, and Theatre Arts Methods for Elementary Educators <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ED 487	Content and Strategies for EC-6 Math and Science <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ED 402	Physical Education, Health, and Music Methods for Elementary Educators	3
HIST 460	Cultural History of Texas <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
RDG 350	Early Literacy Development and the Science of Teaching Reading (EL) <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ED 490	Field Based Enactment	3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Total Third Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>
<b>Note:</b> The following courses are included in the major GPA calculation: ED 311, 486, 487, ENG 305, 410, ESL 472, HIST 460, MATH 326, RDG 350, 352, SPED 410, 415, 417, 418, ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457		

## Fourth Year

Code	Title	Hours
		Semester Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
ED 495	Clinical Experience I <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ED 331	Classroom and Behavior Management <small>requires minimum grade of 'C'</small>	3
ENG 410	Writing Processes & Strategies	3
Select one course from ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418	<sup>12sch</sup> is required from this group	3
Select one course from ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418	<sup>12sch</sup> is required from this group	3
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
		Semester Credit Hours
ED 496	Clinical Experience II	3
ITED 315	Introduction to Instructional Technology	3
Select one course from ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418	<sup>12sch</sup> is required from this group	3
Select one course from ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418		3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Fourth Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>27</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours Required for Degree</b>		<b>120</b>
<b>Note:</b> The following courses are included in the major GPA calculation: ED 331, 495, 496, 402, RDG 354, ITED 315, ECE 401, 402, ED 403, ESL 400, 457, SPED 415, 417, 418		

*Minimum Grade of "C" is required in all Major, Education, RDG, SPED, Tracks and Professional Development courses*

Note: A minimum of 54 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.