

Texas Certification Requirements

- Complete all coursework/student teaching
- Grades officially posted to transcript
- Bachelor's Degree officially posted to transcript (Undergraduates only)
- Pass all required certification exams
 - ⇒ 4-8 Content Exam
 - ⇒ PPR EC-12
 - ⇒ ESL Supplemental (Undergrads only)
- Apply for certification through TEA at the end of your final semester and complete fingerprinting
- Pay all applicable fees

TEXES Flight Plan Checklist

- Admission to Teacher Education Program
 - Complete content coursework
 - Take Practice TExES Exams
 - Take Real TExES Exams
 - Clinical Practice / Student Teaching
 - Graduation
 - Apply for Certification/Pay Fees/Fingerprinting
 - Recommended for Certification by UNT
 - Issued Teaching Certificate by TEA
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Study Tips

- 1.) Download the preparation manual for your exam at <http://www.tx.nesinc.com> under the "Prepare" menu and familiarize yourself with the content covered in each domain and competency on your exam.
- 2.) Ask yourself, "How well do I know the content?" Using a Likert Scale of 0—5, where 0 is not at all and 5 is Very Well, rate your confidence for each domain and competency.
- 3.) Determine what resources and materials you already have on hand to help you study for this content. Then, determine what you might need to help you study (Flashcards? Practice Exams? A study group?) . Begin acquiring the materials you need!
- 4.) Establish study deadlines for yourself and focus your studying on the areas you feel least confident with.
- 5.) Take a practice exam prior to your actual test! This will help you get an idea of what the test will look like and will also give you an idea of what areas you still need to focus on. While passing a practice exam is not a guarantee that you will successfully pass the actual exam, it is a good measure of your knowledge, and can be used to help guide your studying even further!
- 6.) Be sure to get plenty of sleep the night before you take your exam and skip the morning coffee. Try eating a banana or dark chocolate instead to fuel your mind and body.
7. Relax and be confident!! Don't second guess yourself!

Practice TExES Exams

UNT offers free practice exams for students who have been admitted to Teacher Education.

View our practice exam schedule and sign up online at: <http://www.coe.unt.edu/texes>

TEXES FLIGHT PLAN



NAVIGATING THE TEXES EXAMS

Interdisciplinary Studies

- ELAR 4-8
- Math 4-8
- Science 4-8
- Social Studies 4-8

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Texas Exam Requirements

Each 4-8 program has one content exam, one pedagogy exam, and a supplemental ESL exam (for undergraduate candidates). Required exams are listed below.

English Language and Reading 4-8

- 1) ELAR 4-8 (117) Exam fee: \$116.00
- 2) ESL Supplemental (154) Exam fee: \$116.00
- 3) PPR EC-12 (160) Exam fee: \$116.00

Mathematics 4-8

- 1) Mathematics 4-8 (115) Exam fee: \$116.00
- 2) ESL Supplemental (154) Exam fee: \$116.00
- 3) PPR EC-12 (160) Exam fee: \$116.00

Science 4-8

- 1) Science 4-8 (116) Exam fee: \$116.00
- 2) ESL Supplemental (154) Exam fee: \$116.00
- 3) PPR EC-12 (160) Exam fee: \$116.00

Social Studies 4-8

- 1) Social Studies 4-8 (118) Exam fee: \$116.00
- 2) ESL Supplemental (154) Exam fee: \$116.00
- 3) PPR EC-12 (160) Exam fee: \$116.00

Testing Sequence

ELAR 4-8 & Social Studies 4-8 students:

- 1.) Take content & ESL practice exam prior to PDS 1.
- 2.) Take content and ESL real exams during PDS 1
- 3.) Take pedagogy exam prior to or during PDS 2.

Math 4-8 & Science 4-8 students:

- 1.) Take content & ESL practice exam prior to EDCI 4500
- 2.) Take content and ESL real exams during EDCI 4500
- 3.) Take pedagogy exam prior to or during Clinical Teaching.

TEAL Account and Exam Registration

For step by step instructions on creating your TEAL Educator Profile and Pearson Testing Accounts, please follow our guides at <https://www.coe.unt.edu/texas-advising-office/registering-texas-exams>

Step 1

TEAL Account (Educator Profile/Certification)

<https://pryor.tea.state.tx.us/>

Username: _____

Password: _____

You will apply for certification through your TEAL account at the end of your program, after you complete student teaching.

TEA ID NUMBER: _____

Step 2

Testing Account (Exam Registration)

<http://www.tx.nesinc.com>

Email: _____

Password: _____

To register for certification exams, you will go to the Pearson website, click Register and log into your testing account.

Study Materials and Resources



- **Test Prep Resources**—Preparation manuals, tutorials and other materials to help you prepare for your exams. (<http://www.tx.nesinc.com>)
- **Interactive Practice Exam** – Full-length practice test. (http://www.tx.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_TXPractice.html)
- **Certify Teacher**— Offers access to interactive practice exams to UNT students for a discounted price. Students must 1.) sign up using their **UNT email address** 2.) agree to be added to the control panel and 3.) use the promo code **UNT4728** to receive the discount.
- **240 Tutoring** – Provides in-depth review , flashcards, and interactive practice questions. (<http://www.240tutoring.com>)
- Search **Quizlet.com** for the name of your exam to find free flashcards and other materials others have used to help prepare for the TExES exams.
- You may also want to purchase study materials from one of the following reputable companies:
 - **XAM Online** (<http://www.xamonline.com>)
 - **MoMetrix** (<http://mo-media.com>)
 - **Pass the TExES** (<http://passthetexas.com>)
- **T-CERT** – Online modules that contain documents and handouts, videos, practice questions, and more. (<https://pact.tarleton.edu/TCERT/index.cfm>)
- Visit the **TExES Advising Office** website for a complete list of suggested resources: (<http://www.coe.unt.edu/texas-advising-office/resources-test-takers-and-faculty>)