

**Health Professions  
for  
Health Science Teacher Certification\***

**§230.483.** Specific Requirements for Standard Career and Technology. Certificates Based on Experience and Preparation in Skill Areas. (1) The standard health science technology (HST) certification shall be based on preparation and experience in the skill area and qualify the teacher to teach state approved health science technology education courses. (4) Certification shall be based on experience and academic preparation in the skill area and require the following: (A) **a bachelor's degree** from an accredited institution; (B) current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as a health professions practitioner. The preparation program for licensure, certification, or registration must require at least 2 years of formal education; (C) approval, by the certification officer of an approved teacher preparation program, of two years of wage earning experience utilizing the licensure requirement described in section§230.483 (4)(B) above, in addition to that required to be registered or certified. (5) The standard HST certificate curricula shall be based on the standards approved by the State Board for Educator Certification. Candidates for this certificate must pass the appropriate certification assessments.

<b>Career Title</b>	<b>Certification/Licensure/Registration</b>	<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Minimum length of education for license, certification or registration training (May be included in the bachelor degree)</b>
Athletic Trainer	Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers License	ATC	4-year bachelor degree or higher
Audiologist	State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology DSHS National Certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A)	AUD	doctoral degree
Cardiovascular Technologist	American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Registry Examination	RCVT	2-year associate degree
Chiropractor	Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners & National Board of Chiropractic Examiners	DC	doctor of chiropractic
Clinical Laboratory Scientist (Medical Technologist)	American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), National Credentialing Agency (NCA), or American Medical Technologists (AMT)	CLS or MT	4-year bachelor degree
Clinical Laboratory Technician (Medical Laboratory Technician)	American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), National Credentialing Agency (NCA), or American Medical Technologists (AMT)	CLT or MLT	2-year associate degree
Cytotechnologist	American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) or Health and Human Services (HHS)	CT	2-years of formal education (may be a certificate or an associate degree) or higher
Dental Hygienist	Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	TSBDE	2-year associate degree or higher
Dental Laboratory Technician	National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology	CDT	2-year associate degree or higher
Dentist	Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	DDS or DDM	doctor of dental surgery/medicine
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	ARDMS	associate degree program or higher
Dietitian	Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association Examination. Licensure is through the Texas State Board of Examiners of Dietitians.	RD, LD	4-year bachelor degree or higher
Emergency Medical Services Paramedic	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and Texas DSHS certification or licensure	EMT-P or EMT-LP	2-year bachelor degree
Health Information Management	American Health Information Management Association	RRA	2-year associate degree program or higher
Histotechnologist	American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP)	HT	4-year bachelor degree
Medical Record Technician	American Health Information Management Association	ART	2-year associate degree program
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board Licensure	NMT	2-year associate degree program or higher
Nutritionist	Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Council, American Dietetics Association	CNCB	4-year degree
Occupational Therapist	Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc.	OTR	4-year bachelor degree
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners	COTA	2-year associate degree

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Optometrist	Texas Optometry Board Examination	OD	doctorate of optometry
Pharmacist	Texas State Board of Pharmacy state licensure examination-MPJE		bachelors degree or higher
Physical Therapist	Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners	PT	masters degree
Physical Therapy Assistant	Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners	PTA	2-year associate degree program
Physician	Texas State Board of Medical Examiners	MD or DO	doctor of medicine or osteopathy
Physician Assistant	Texas Physician Assistant Board	PA	graduate from accredited program
Podiatrist	Podiatric State and National Board Examinations	DPM	doctorate of podiatric medicine
Prosthetist/Orthotist	American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics	CO, CP,CPO	bachelors degree
Psychologist	Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards	PhD	doctorate in psychology
Radiation Therapy Technologist	American Registry for Radiation Technologists Examination and the Texas Department of State Health Services for State Licensure	RRT	2-year associate degree or higher
Radiologic Technologist	Texas Department of State Health Services Examination for State Licensure	RT	2-year associate degree or higher
Recreational Therapist	National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification	CTR or CTRS	4-year bachelor degree and masters degree
Registered Nurse	National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCLEX-RN) Examination administered by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners	RN	2-year associate degree or higher
Respiratory Therapist	National Board for Respiratory Care	CRT or RRT	2-year associate or 4-year bachelor degree Additional credentials include: CPFT or RPFT
Social Worker	Texas State Board of Social Workers Examiners	LCSW or LMSW-AP	bachelors degree in social work
Speech/Language Pathologist	State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology DSHS National Certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A)	SLP	4-year bachelor or higher
Veterinarian	Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	MS/PhD or DVM/MS or	Master of Science and joint DVM/MS or DVM/PhD
* The list of health professions is not inclusive. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Kathleen Park, Health Science Director at TEA, 512-463-9581 or a certification agency.			