COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Secondary Level and All Level Teacher Certification Information

All Level Certification Options
Early Childhood-12th Grade

Art
Music
Physical Education
Theatre Arts

Secondary Certification Options
8th Grade – 12th Grade

Dance
English Language Arts & Reading
Family & Consumer Science
History
Hospitality, Nutrition, & Food Science
Human Development & Family Science
Journalism
Life Sciences
Mathematics
Physical Sciences
Science
Social Studies
Speech Communications

6th Grade – 12th Grade expiring

French
German
Spanish*

*Spanish certificates for grades 6-12 are expiring. The *tentative* expiration date is August 2010. This date may change without notification. See College of Education Academic Advisor for information.

Teacher Education Admission Requirements:

1. Junior standing (minimum of 60 <u>earned</u> hours)
2. A 2.75 overall GPA and a 2.75 UNT GPA
3. Appropriate THEA scores
   (required for ALL persons seeking teacher certification)
   a. minimum 240 reading, 230 math, 220 writing
   b. only allowable exemptions: SAT, ACT, TAKS/TAAS
   c. For THEA testing information:
      Program for Academic Readiness, Stovall Hall 117, 940-565-4403, or www.unt.edu/par
4. An official degree plan with certification
5. A signed Application for Admission to Teacher Education

Application for Admission to Teacher Education:

- Contact the College of Education Student Advising Office, 565-2736, Matthews Hall 105, www.coe.unt.edu/sao
- Applications submitted without an appointment are processed within 7-10 business days.
- You must submit an *official degree plan that includes teacher certification courses* at time of application.

State Certification Exams
All certification students must pass state certification exams to become teacher certified in the state of Texas:

#1 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) – 8-12 or EC-12. This test will cover your knowledge of good teaching practices and the ways in which a professional teacher should behave in school settings.

#2 Content area – The test will cover your knowledge of the subject(s) that you will be teaching as a professional teacher in a school setting.

#3 Texas Oral Proficiency Test (TOPT) – required only for Spanish and French content areas. This will test your fluency*.

For additional information contact the TExES Advising Office:
940-369-8601, Matthews Hall 103, www.coe.unt.edu/texes

Professional Development Courses

• Admission to Teacher Education is required prior to enrolling in most Professional Development courses
 	
• **Course requirements may vary by program. See your major advisor or official degree plan for the specific requirements**
 	
• Music Education, Physical Education and Art Education see major department for early field experience and student teaching placement and information
	* Apply for school placement during the long *semester before* enrollment : www.coe.unt.edu/fep
	
	*Require permission codes from placement office for registration
		EDSE 3800 Legal/Professional Issues
		EDSE 3830 Processes and Evaluation
		EDSE 4060 Content Area Reading
		EDSE 4070 Diverse Populations
		EDSE 4840 Instructional Strat/Mgmt *
		  Early Field Experience—requires observation time in assigned school(s). Taken long semester preceding student teaching
		EDXX 41XX Student Teaching *
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		  Taken final long semester
		  All other courses should be completed prior to student teaching

Teacher Certification Process Checklist

☐ Apply for the Teacher Education Program
☐ Create account with SBEC to get your TEA ID number (www.sbec.state.tx.us)
☐ Purchase TK20 for use in the education courses (www.coe.unt.edu)
☐ Subscribe to the secondary education list serve
  - The purpose of the Secondary Education Listserv (SEED-L) is to provide timely information about the secondary education program at UNT. Subscribers will receive email about upcoming deadlines, event, job opportunities, scholarships, and other secondary education and all-level certification information.
  - For WHOM:
    - UNT student pursuing or planning to pursue Secondary (8th grade-12th grade) or All-Level (EC-12th grade) certification in any field
    - Faculty, Staff and Advisor of secondary/all-level education students
    - Anyone else interested in the latest information about Secondary Education at UNT
  - HOW TO SUBSCRIBE:
    - Send an email message from your preferred email address to listserv@unt.edu
    - The body of the message should be one line as follows: subscribe SEED-L first name last name
    - You will receive a confirmation email with further instructions
  - Questions: Contact Dr. Andy Milson, Andy.Milson@unt.edu, 940-565-4421

☐ Semester before EDSE 4840:_____
  - Attend early field experience meeting prior to applying for early field experience
  - Apply for early field experience a semester in advance (www.coe.unt.edu/fep)

☐ Semester before Student Teaching: _____
  - Attend student teacher informational meeting prior to applying for student teaching
  - Apply for Student teaching a semester in advance (www.coe.unt.edu/fep)
  - Take practice certification exams

☐ Semester of Student Teaching: _____
  - Take state certification exams
  - Apply for teacher certificate with the state of Texas at (www.sbec.state.tx.us)
  - UNT does not award teacher certification – UNT recommendation teacher certification candidates to the state
  - The State Board for Educator Certification is the entity that awards teacher certification in Texas
  - To be recommended to the state by UNT you must have
    - The appropriate degree posted to UNT transcripts
    - 2.75 UNT, overall, teaching field and education GPAs
    - Passing scores on the appropriate state certification exams