# **Texas Certification Requirements**

- Complete all coursework/clinical teaching
- Grades officially posted to transcript
- Bachelor's Degree officially posted to transcript (Undergraduates only)
- Pass all required certification exams
  - $\Rightarrow$  Core Subjects EC-6
  - $\Rightarrow$  PPR EC-12
  - ⇒ Supplemental/Additional Exam
    - Special Education EC-12
    - ESL Supplemental
    - Bilingual Supplemental & BTLPT
- Apply for certification through TEA at the <u>end</u> 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

# **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

# Core Subjects EC-6

- w/ ESL Supplemental
- w/ Bilingual Supplemental
- w/ Special Education EC-12

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#### **Texas Exam Requirements**

Each program has one or more content exams, one or more supplemental exams, and one pedagogy exam. Below are the exams required by your certification area. Exam fees are \$116.00 each.

#### Core Subjects EC-6

- I) Core Subjects EC-6 (291)
- 2) PPR EC-12 (160)

w/ Special Education EC-12

- I) Core Subjects EC-6 (291)
- 2) Special Education EC-12 (161)
- 3) PPR EC-12 (160)

w/ ESL Supplemental

- I) Core Subjects EC-6 (291)
- 2) ESL Supplemental (154)
- 3) PPR EC-12 (160)

#### w/ Bilingual Supplemental

- I) Core Subjects EC-6 (291)
- 2) Bilingual Supplemental (164)
- 3) BTLPT (190)
- 4) PPR EC-12 (160)

#### **Testing Sequence**

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

# **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/texesadvising-office/registering-texes-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 <u>end</u> of your program, after you complete student teaching.

# TEA ID NUMBER:

#### Step 2

#### **Testing Account (Exam Registration)**

http://www.tx.nesinc.com

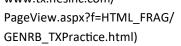
Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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/



- 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://passthetexes.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/ texes-advising-office/resources-test-takers-and-faculty)



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