All-Level and Secondary Teacher Certifications

### Certification Options

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<td>• English Language Arts &amp; Reading</td>
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<td>Physical Education students should consult their academic advisor.</td>
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### Teacher Education Program Admission Requirements

1. Minimum of 60 earned credit hours.
2. 2.75 Overall GPA.
3. 2.75 UNT GPA.
4. TSI completion.
5. An official degree audit that includes certification, obtained from your academic advisor.
6. Rating of “Approved” on the online Interview Questionnaire.
   - Instructions are available at [http://coe.unt.edu/tedinterview](http://coe.unt.edu/tedinterview).
   - Please allow at least 4 weeks for submitted questionnaires to be reviewed.

After completing items 1 through 6, schedule an appointment with the COE SAO by calling at (940) 565-2736, visiting the office at Matthews Hall 105, or through Appointment Manager to complete items 7 and 8 and to finalize the admission process.

7. A signed Application for Admission.
8. An offer letter of formal admission which must be signed and returned to the COE SAO within 72 hours of receipt.

### COE Pedagogy Courses

- Admission to Teacher Education is required prior to enrolling in most Pedagogy courses.
- Course requirements may vary by program. See your academic advisor and official degree audit for specific requirements.
- TNT students should consult the TNT office for clinical/early field experience details. See the Clinical Practice Office for student teaching information and placement.
- Physical Education students should consult their academic advisor.

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<td>• EDCI 3800 Professional Issues</td>
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<td>• EDCI 4840 Instructional Strategies/Classroom Mgmt</td>
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<td>- Clinical/early field experience requires time in assigned school(s); taken the long semester prior to Student Teaching</td>
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<td>- Registration requires a permission code from the Clinical Practice Office</td>
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<td>- Apply during the long semester before enrollment <a href="https://www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office">https://www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office</a></td>
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The following are taken as your final long semester. All other courses must be completed prior to Student Teaching.

- EDXX 41XX Clinical Teaching
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### State TExES Certification Exams

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

- **Content area TExES**: The test will assess your knowledge of the subject(s) you will teach as a professional teacher in a school setting;
- **or TExES LOTE EC-12**: Required for all foreign language content areas. The test includes a pronunciation section and a multiple-choice section covering grammar, translations, culture, and literature.
- **TExES Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) for EC-12**: This test will assess your knowledge of good teaching practices and the ways in which a professional teacher should behave in a school setting.

For additional information, contact the TExES Advising Office at (940) 369-8601, Matthews Hall 119F, or [https://www.coe.unt.edu/texes](https://www.coe.unt.edu/texes)
### UNT COE Teacher Certification Candidate Checklist

**KEEP THIS CHECKLIST UNTIL YOU ARE CERTIFIED!!!**

#### ADMISSION
- Complete the Teacher Education (TED) Program Admissions Interview Questionnaire. Find directions at [https://www.coe.unt.edu/edinterview](https://www.coe.unt.edu/edinterview)
  - Refer to "Resources" section of Foliotek for tutorials. [https://coe.unt.edu/educator-preparation-office/foliotek](https://coe.unt.edu/educator-preparation-office/foliotek)
  - Access Education course assignments by entering program portfolio code provided on the Foliotek website.
- Apply to the UNT Teacher Education (TED) Program as soon as eligible. (Check eligibility at [https://coe.unt.edu/student-advising/resources](https://coe.unt.edu/student-advising/resources))
- Accept your formal offer of admission to the TED Program in writing (via email or USPS) within 72 hours of receiving the offer.
- Visit the TExES Advising Office in Matthews Hall 119F to create your official TEAL account ([https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/](https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/)) with the Texas Education Agency (TEA).
- Write down your TEA ID number and keep it in a secure location.
- Activate your Pearson testing account ([http://tx.nesinc.com](http://tx.nesinc.com))

#### FIELD OBSERVATION
- Fall/Spring semester BEFORE your first observation class:
  - Watch the Informational Video ([www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office](http://www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office))
  - Music, Art, PB and TNT education students do not watch this video. You must meet with your academic advisor.
  - Apply for Clinical Experience ([www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office](http://www.coe.unt.edu/clinical-practice-office))

#### TEXES EXAMS
- Take your content & applicable supplemental practice TExES certification exams BEFORE your first observation class
  - Must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program and enrolled in coursework for the current semester
  - Practice test dates and mandatory registration are available at [www.coe.unt.edu/texes](https://www.coe.unt.edu/texes)
  - Recommended study materials are available through the TExES Advising Office ([www.coe.unt.edu/texes](https://www.coe.unt.edu/texes)).
  - For questions about practice TExES exams, contact the TExES Advising Office in Matthews Hall 119F or at (940) 369-8601.

#### FALL/SPRING SEMESTER BEFORE CLINICAL (STUDENT) TEACHING
- Take and pass the actual state TExES certification content and applicable supplemental exam(s) and, if possible, the PPR exam.

#### SEMESTER OF CLINICAL (STUDENT) TEACHING
- Attend the mandatory Clinical Teacher Orientation at the beginning of the semester.
- Take or retake any remaining state TExES certification exam(s) that you have not taken or passed ([www.coe.unt.edu/texes](https://www.coe.unt.edu/texes)).
- Apply for graduation through your myUNT account (only if graduating at the end of Clinical Teaching semester).

#### UNT does not award teacher certificates. UNT prepares teacher candidates and recommends eligible candidates to the TEA for teacher certification. The TEA is authorized by the Texas State Board of Education to award teacher certificates.

- Apply to TEA for your TX teaching certificate ([www.tea.texas.gov](https://www.tea.texas.gov)) at the end of your graduating semester.
  - Application dates are available on our website: [www.coe.unt.edu/educatorcertification](https://www.coe.unt.edu/educatorcertification)
  - To apply for teacher certification you MUST meet the following criteria:
    - Be in your final/graduating semester
    - Passed all the required state TExES certification exams including content, PPR, and any supplemental exams.
    - Passed Clinical (Student) Teaching
  - To be recommended for teacher certification by UNT you must meet the following criteria:
    - Hold a bachelor's degree (posted on your official UNT transcript);
    - Have appropriate GPAs posted on your degree audit including UNT, Overall, teaching field, and pedagogy GPAs
    - Submit an application for teacher certification through the TEA website.
  - How to apply (visit [www.coe.unt.edu/educatorcertification](https://www.coe.unt.edu/educatorcertification) for detailed instructions):
    1. Log into your TEAL account at [www.texas.gov](https://www.texas.gov).
    2. Click on the "Applications" tab (blue screen).
    4. For your recommending entity, select “University of North Texas (University Based)”.  
   *After submission of your TEA application, UNT will review your application to ensure that you have met the state requirements. Please be patient while your application is processed.*

Once UNT recommends you to the TEA for teacher certification, you will receive a confirmation email from TEA stating you have been recommended. The TEA will not issue any certificate until after you have paid all applicable fees, your fingerprinting status shows “Complete” on your TEAL account, and you have passed a TEA national criminal background check. You may review current TEA criminal background check guidelines. You have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from TEA, at [https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/investigations/](https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/investigations/).

Once the TEA issues your teacher certificate(s), you may view and print certificate(s) through your TEAL account.

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