APPLICANT GUIDE

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Getting Started

Congratulations! You have taken the first step in your certification journey. Getting certified is an exciting journey, and we're here to support you along the way. This guide breaks down your options and shows you exactly how to reach your certification goals.

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Ready to teach? We're ready to help!

Application fee	Enrollment fee	Program fee
$0	$0	$5,335



YOUR JOURNEY TO CERTIFCATION

1

Provide resume, ALL college transcripts, directory information, and short answer question along with completed application.

2

Complete a Zoom interview and attend in-person orientation.

3

Complete self-paced online coursework, classroom observations, and pass the content exam(s).

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Complete a paid internship (or clinical teaching) with mentor and field supervisor support, complete online coursework, and pass your PPR exam.

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Valid for 5 years.
You can add additional certifications.

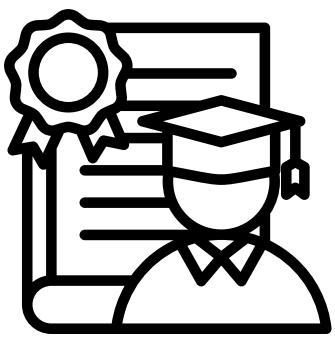
BASIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree or higher from an accredited college or university OR in your last semester.
- Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher

What if my overall GPA is below 2.5?
If your overall GPA falls below 2.5, then calculations will be made to determine if the GPA of your last 60 hours is a 2.5.

How is my last 60 hours calculated?

- Identify which courses are most recent by date.
- Input hours and grades from most recent to less recent.
- Calculations are stopped after 60 hours are reached.
- All courses taken during the 60 hours time frame are counted.





Additional Requirements

These are unique circumstances that do not apply to every applicant and only become additional requirements if your specific situation warrants them.

☆ TX PACT EXAM

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☆ TOEFL EXAM

All applicants must show proof of English proficiency. You only need to take the TOEFL if your degree was earned outside the U.S. or at a school where English wasn't the main language. If that's the case, a passing TOEFL score is required for admission.

CERTIFICATION OPTIONS:

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL
Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading (STR) (EC-6)
Core Subjects with (STR) (4-8)
English Language Arts and Reading with (STR) (4-8)
English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with (STR) (4-8)
Math (4-8)
Math/Science (4-8)
Science (4-8)
Social Studies (4-8)

SECONDARY
Chemistry (7-12)
English Language Arts (7-12)
History (7-12)
Life Science (7-12)
Math (7-12)
Physics/Math (7-12)
Physical Science (6-12)
Science (7-12)
Social Studies (7-12)

ALL GRADE LEVELS
Special Education (EC-12)

TRANSFERS

Transfer acceptance is at the discretion of the IMPACT SETX director. Applicants transferring from another alternative certification program must:

- Complete all application steps and meet admission requirements.
- Submit a TEA Candidate Transfer form.
- Must be released in Good Standing.
- Transfer candidates must start coursework from the beginning.
- Previous coursework may be credited for a $500 evaluation fee, but acceptance of coursework is not guaranteed.

MILITARY

Per 19 TAC 228.35(a)(5)(A), verified service, training, or education directly related to the sought certification may count toward certification requirements. Candidates must submit documentation of military service, training, or education for review. The director will notify candidates of any credit awarded.



ACCELERATION

- Applicant with coursework in the field of education
- Transfer from another EPP
- Candidate who wished to progress more quickly*

*The acceleration fee does not guarantee that you will not complete the program faster.

CLINICAL TEACHING

- Must be full time
- Length: 1 Semester working alongside a certified cooperating teacher
- Participate in Observation/Coaching Cycle

INTERNSHIP

- Be a Teacher of Record in area of certification
- Must be full time
- Length: 1 Year (or 2 Semesters)
- Participate in Observation/Coaching Cycle



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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WHEN CAN I APPLY?

You may apply at any time! IMPACT SETX has four cohorts starting throughout the year.

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DO I NEED A DEGREE IN EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION TO ENROLL IN IMPACT SETX?

No, you just need to have a Bachelor's degree or higher. We look at your subject-matter expertise. Our program will prepare you to become a successful teacher in the content area of your choice.

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CAN I CHOOSE MY AREA OF CERTIFICATION?

Yes, you can. We will look at your transcript course by course to determine which certification areas that you would qualify for per TEA guidelines. If you do not meet those guidelines, you will be required to take and pass the TX PACT Exam for the content area in which you would like to certify in.

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HOW LONG DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE?

Our certification path requires you to participate in one of four cohort options. Due to the requirement of two semesters of intern teaching, the cohorts differ in the number of months. All cohorts require the same amount of coursework hours. It is only the pace of the coursework completion that changes. The Spring and Summer Cohort takes the longest to complete and is designed to accommodate those who will be actively teaching (such as under a DOI plan) before their internship begins.

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IS ALL THE COURSEWORK ONLINE?

Yes. All coursework is online and self-paced.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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HOW SOON CAN I SECURE A TEACHING POSITION AND GET PAID?

This depends on the district. Some districts will allow you to teach under a local certification or emergency permit as long as you are enrolled in a Teacher Certification Program. Once you complete some online coursework, pass your content exam, and complete your FBE hours, you will be eligible for an intern certificate and you will receive a Statement of Eligibility.

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WILL I GET HELP WITH PREPARING FOR MY CONTENT EXAM?

Of course! We offer multiple levels of support. All IMPACT SETX candidates will be given Access to 240 Tutoring for FREE per required test! We also offer optional test prep tutorials with an expert in the field.

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DOES IMPACT SETX OFFER PAYMENT PLANS?

With IMPACT SETX, you pay in equal monthly installments over the course of the program. The cost per month varies on the cohort time frame. We do offer payroll deduction as well as auto-draft from your bank.

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I WANT TO TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER EPP. CAN I DO THAT? AND IF SO, HOW DO I TRANSFER?

Transfer acceptance will be at the discretion of the IMPACT SETX director. Individuals wishing to transfer from another Teacher Certification Program must complete ALL application process steps. In addition, they MUST submit a TEA Candidate Transfer form with their online application. Credit hours will only be given for coursework completed in another program by paying the additional acceleration fee of $500.

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DOES THE ACCELERATION ROUTE COST MORE MONEY? IF SO, WHY?

Candidates might be interested in paying a $500 acceleration fee to expedite their progress compared to their admitted cohort. This fee goes towards evaluating the coursework and alignment with the IMPACT SETX coursework. There is no guarantee that any or all previously completed coursework will be accepted. It is important to note that the acceleration fee does not guarantee that you will complete the program faster.



RESOURCES

PROGRAM HANDBOOK

This is our complete handbook for applicants. You will need to read the handbook in its entirety. This handbook details our admission process, transfer policy, payment information and more. This guide does not replace reading the handbook.

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

This link will explain the process for obtaining your certification from application to completion.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This link will take you to our admission requirements page. It covers all you need to know to be admitted into our program.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

This link will take you to our curriculum overview page. It will provide you with information on the coursework required as well as information on field-based experiences.