

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND CULTURE

The Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture is responsible for undergraduate programs that lead to certification at the early childhood/elementary, middle and secondary levels. Note these exceptions:

- Students interested in teaching agricultural science must major in the Department of Agricultural Education;
- Students interested in secondary certification can be certified through the secondary graduate certification program or the aggieTEACH program.

Early Childhood/Elementary or Middle Grades Certification

Baccalaureate Degree Programs. Most students interested in early childhood/elementary (PreK–6) or middle school (4–8) certification pursue a program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree (BS) with a major in Education. The EDUC degree certification programs prepare students for the many diverse instructional roles assumed by public school teachers. A minimum of 123 credit hours is required for the EDUC degree. Within this program, students may focus on:

- Early Childhood (PreK–Grade 6);
- Middle School (Grades 4–8 Math and Science); or
- Middle School (Grades 4–8 English Language Arts and Social Studies).

For complete information, see an advisor in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture's Office of Undergraduate Advising in Harrington Tower (EDCT 111).

Eligibility. Students must meet the requirements for a bachelor's degree in the college and the department in which they are majoring. Further, they must meet specific admission and performance standards established by the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture as well as requirements for professional education and certification established by the State of Texas. These requirements include admission to teacher education, admission to clinical teaching and qualification for initial certification. **It is the responsibility of the student to contact the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture's Office of Undergraduate Advising for specific information pertaining to program changes.**

Please see an advisor in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture Office of Undergraduate Advising for current information.

Requirements for Admission to Teaching Education

Early Childhood/Elementary and Middle Grades Education Program

- Pass the THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS test or show proof of exemption from the test with appropriate STAAR, SAT or ACT scores.
- Completion of a minimum 45 hours of pre-professional coursework from degree program (includes University Core Curriculum courses).
- Completion of a minimum of 32 hours of University Core Curriculum courses with no grade lower than a C.

- Completion of TEFB 273 and INST 210 with a grade of B or higher (equivalent courses from a community college may be substituted), two three-hour core MATH and two four-hour Life and Physical Sciences (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences>) core courses.
- Completion of Communications Core Course with no grade lower than a C.
- A GPA of 2.75 on all coursework on a degree plan with no grade lower than a C.
- Transcripts for all institutions of higher education on file in the Texas A&M University Office of the Registrar.
- Approved and signed degree plan on file in the Advising Office of the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture.

These requirements must be seen as minimum standards only. Successful fulfillment of all of the above requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Admission also depends upon the number of places available and the number of applications received each year. If more qualified students apply than the available number of spaces, admission may be based on selection factors at the time of application, such as GPA in pre-professional courses, number of hours needed to complete the program, and enrollment in prerequisite courses.

Secondary Certification Pathways

Two routes leading to initial teacher certification at the secondary level are available. These include the aggieTEACH program and the graduate certification program. Information is available from the TLAC advising office.

Requirements for Admission to Clinical Teaching

- Complete a clinical teaching application by the given deadlines and complete all coursework prior to Clinical 3. Students must see their advisors for deadlines.
- Admission to teacher education.
- Completion of all courses listed on the degree plan. All Education and professional courses with a grade of C or better.
- All certification coursework must be completed. Each emphasis/teaching field must have a grade of C or better in each course with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in teacher emphasis/teaching field.
- ENGL 103 or ENGL 104 must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- A minimum of 2.50 on all coursework completed at Texas A&M.
- A minimum of 2.75 on all coursework that applies to the degree plan, taken at Texas A&M.
- A minimum of 2.75 on all coursework that applies to the emphasis/teaching field, taken at Texas A&M.

Faculty

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Majors

- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development and Education, Leadership Track (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/early-childhood-development-education-bs-leadership/>)

- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development and Education, Teaching (Non-Licensure) Track (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/early-childhood-development-education-bs-teaching-non-licensure/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Early Childhood-3 Certification (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/education-bs-early-childhood-3-certification/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Education, English Language Arts/Social Studies, Middle Grades Certification (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/education-bs-language-arts-social-studies-middle-grades-certification/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Math/Science, Middle Grades Certification (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/education-bs-math-science-middle-grades-certification/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Pre-K-6, Generalist Certification (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/education-bs-prek-6-generalist/>)

Certification

- Secondary Graduate Certification Program (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/secondary-graduate/>)

Minors

- Secondary Education Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/secondary-education-minor/>)