



Project P.a.C.E.
PREPARING AND CERTIFYING EDUCATORS
REGION ONE ESC

**How to Become a Teacher with
Project P.a.C.E.**

Information Packet

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Program Information

Am I eligible for the Project P.a.C.E. Alternative Certification Program (ACP)?

Eligibility Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree
- 2.5 GPA or 2.75 in last 60 hours of all coursework
(Use online GPA calculator if needed)
- Basic Skills in Reading, Written and Oral Communication and Mathematics
 - **6 hours of English Language Arts coursework** from an accredited university whose language of instruction is English
 - **3 hours of college level mathematics** or equivalent
- Cannot have taught for 3 years or more on a permit or certificate
- Cannot have been admitted to another Educator Preparation Program (EPP)-University or ACP (Transfer possible with completed PACT exams in a different area)
- Pass Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT)
- Access to a computer, internet, and e-mail

Out of Country Basic Skills Requirements

- **TOEFL iBT** speaking score of at least 24 speaking, 22 listening, 22 reading, and 21 for writing to demonstrate English language proficiency. Test information at <http://www.ets.org/toefl/>.
- Transcript evaluation into US degree equivalency by a credential evaluation service

What is the Process for Program Acceptance?

1. Complete PACT Content Area Testing

- **Registering for PACT Content Exams**
ETS TExES Website Registration Bulletin at <http://www.tx.nesinc.com/> for the most current and comprehensive information regarding testing, such as:
 - Begin preparation with TExES Test Preparation Manuals
 - Review Test Day Policies and Procedures
 - What if I Fail? Five test limit and 45 day waiting period between retests
 - Note: The name you create on your Pearson testing account must exactly match the name on the ID documents you will present on the day of the test.

2. Application Process

- Fill out online application
- Pay \$40.00 non-refundable application fee through link sent by program staff
- Submit official transcripts from ALL universities and colleges attended
 - CTE Candidates - submit SOQ, copy and verification of licenses,
 - Foreign Transcripts – See TEA website:
http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Out-ofState_Certification/Foreign_Credential_Evaluation_Services/

3. Screening and Selection

- Submit PACT Scores
- Transcript Review for Suggested Certification Areas
- Program Check for Eligibility and Basic Skills
- Interview by Program Staff
- Pay \$35.00 TEA Technology Fee (Admitted on or after September 1, 2018)
- Pay \$295 Pre-Service Summer Institute Training Fee

4. Acceptance into P.a.C.E.

What is the P.a.C.E. Coursework Schedule?

• Pre-Service Training

- Program Introduction/Orientation
- Quick Start Online Coursework and
- Field-based Experience Observations (30 hours required prior to teaching)
- Summer Institute (150 program hours required prior to teaching) –Note: All candidates are required to complete 150 hours of course work and 30 field-based experience observation hours prior to teaching students unless they have been designated as a “late hire”.

• In-Service Training

- Ongoing Professional Saturdays- September through May
- Thursday Evening Seminars- September through April

Program Schedule

2019-2020 Schedule

III. Summer Institute

	Hours	Summer Institute	Audience And Mode of Delivery	2018-2019 Dates
		Classroom Foundations Training - June		
	7.5	Program Introduction- Program Benchmarks, Educator Standards, Gateway Resources, Best Schools Kick Off	All F2F	Friday, May 31, 2019 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Willacy Rm.
	7.5	TEKS Organization & Structure -in Content Area Lesson Plans and State Assessments	All F2F	Saturday, June 1, 2019 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Willacy Rm.
	7.5	Curriculum Development & TEKS	All F2F	Friday, June 7, 2019 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Willacy Rm.
	7.5	Instructional Technology Integration	All F2F	Saturday, June 8, 2019 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Willacy Rm.
Regular Admission Cut Off Date (June 10, 2019)				
	7.5	Special Populations: SPED, Disabilities, GT, Bilingual	All F2F	Friday, June 14, 2019 8:30 AM-4:30 PM *Edinburg CISD-Adm. Bldg.
	7.5	Working with Children of Poverty- Teacher Efficacy, Cultural Literacy, and Implications of Positive Family/School Partnerships	All	Saturday, June 15, 2019 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Willacy Rm.
	7.5	Reading Instruction Introduction	All	Friday, June 21, 2019 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Willacy Rm.
	7.5	Instructional Technology & Copyright	All	Saturday, June 22, 2019 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Willacy Rm.
	3	TBD- Possible Evening Session or Mid-Week Session	All	Monday, June 24, 2019 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM Willacy Rm.
	3	TBD- Possible Evening Session or Mid-Week Session	All	Tuesday, June 25, 2019 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM Willacy Rm.
	Subtotal	66		
Late Admissions (July 1st, 2019)				

Sessions held at Region One ESC unless otherwise noted.

What are the Program Fees for 2019-2020?

- **Application Fee** (*due at time of application*) \$ 40.00
- **TEA Technology Fee** (*due at time of admission*) \$ 35.00
- **Pre-Service Training Fee** (*due at time of admission*) \$ 295.00
- **Internship Fee** \$ 4,625.00

Note: Monthly payments begin once you successfully gain employment at a district/charter school; fee includes professional development, multiple support services, online course modules, some materials, and technical support. This fee may be automatically drafted on a prorated monthly basis during the internship year.

Note: Candidates entering program after summer institute are invited to attend session through December. An additional payment may be made to continue attending sessions pending employment.

Total Cost (includes application fee) \$ 4,995.00

****All fees are non-refundable and subject to change.**

Additional Fees to Other Agencies: State Tests and Certification Fees

- Content Test Fees (per test) \$ 116.00
- Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities TExES
- *National Criminal Background Check \$ 52.00
(ECOS Fast Pass+ \$10.00 MorphoTrust)
- Intern Certificate \$ 78.00
- Standard Certificate \$ 78.00

*TEA receives the fingerprinting results 5-7 business days after the fingerprint appointment.

Extension Fee & Out of Region Internship

- **Extension Fee** (*for year two if needed*) \$ 2000.00
- **Out of Region Intern Fee** (*as needed for additional costs of support*) \$ TBD

Is Financial Aid Available?

1. College Access Loan Program:

<http://www.hhloans.com/index.cfm?objectid=21A41908-C7D3-A868-66FB91774CF078CB>

The College Access Loan Program provides alternative educational loans to Texas students enrolled in an alternative certification program who are unable to meet the cost of attendance. The CAL may be used to cover part or all of the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC); students do not have to demonstrate financial need. This loan program is part of the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) <http://www.hhloans.com/>

2. Troops to Teachers: <http://www.texasroopstoteachers.org/>

This federally funded program is designed to assist military personnel and veterans transition to a new career as a public-school teacher. Through a network of national, state, and regional offices, participants receive guidance counseling, and provide funding to eligible participants to help pay for their certification programs and incentive bonuses for those who teach at high-needs schools.

What are My Next Steps?

- **Fill out the P.a.C.E. Online Application-**
<https://apps.esc1.net/Certifications/PaCE>
- **Complete PACT Content Testing**
- **Provide Official Copies of All College Transcripts**

- **Program Screening for Eligibility Requirements**
- **Attend Scheduled Admission Interview**
- **Accept Invitation to join P.a.C.E.**

- **Attend Pre-Service Training: Orientation, Summer Institute,**
- **Do Quick Start Coursework and Field-based Observations**
- **Secure a Teaching Position**