



# **How to Become a Teacher with Project P.a.C.E. Information Session Packet**

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# Program Information

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

### 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 [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org) for the most current and comprehensive information regarding testing, such as:
  - Begin preparation with ETS TExES Test Preparation Manuals
  - Review Test Day Policies and Procedures
  - FAQ's: What are Limited-Administration, CAT, and PBT Tests?  
-PACT Scores  
-What if I Fail? Five test limit and 45 day waiting period between retests
  - Note: The name you create on your TEA account and your ETS 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 sent by program staff
- 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/](http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Out-ofState_Certification/Foreign_Credential_Evaluation_Services/)

## 3. Screening and Selection Process

- Submit PACT Scores
- Transcript Review for Suggested Certification Areas
- Interview by Program Staff
- Check for Competency in Basic Skills
- Pay \$55.00 TEA Technology Fee (Admitted on or after March 17, 2017)
- Pay \$295 Pre-Service Training Fee

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

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

#### • Pre-Service Training

- Program Introduction/Orientation
  - Field-based Experience Observations (30 hours required prior to teaching)
  - Summer Institute/Coursework (150 program hours required prior to teaching) – Program meets Fridays and Saturdays during June, July (Two week ESC1 Closure), and first week in August
- Note: All candidates are required to complete 150 hours of course work and 30 field-based experience observation hours prior to teaching.

#### • In-Service Training

- Ongoing Professional Saturday Seminars- September through May
- Thursday Evening Seminars- September through May

## What are the Program Fees for 2017-2018?

• <b>Application Fee</b> ( <i>due at time of application</i> )	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
• <b>Pre-Service Training Fee</b> ( <i>due at time of admission</i> )	<b>\$ 295.00</b>
• <b>TEA Technology Fee</b> ( <i>due at time of admission</i> )	<b>\$ 55.00</b>
• <b>Internship Fee</b>	<b>\$ 4,625.00</b>

*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) \$ 5,015.00**

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

## TEA / ETS Related Services Fees

• Test Fees (per test)	\$ 131.00
• TEA Technology Fee (Collected by ESC, starting March 2017)	\$ 55.00
• *National Criminal Background Check (ECOS Fast Pass+ \$10.00 MorphoTrust)	\$ 52.00
• Intern Certificate	\$ 78.00
• Standard Certificate	\$ 78.00

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

## 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.texastroopstoteachers.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?

- Meet Eligibility Requirements**
- Complete PACT Content Exams**
- Fill out the P.a.C.E. Online Application**
  - Provide Official Copies of All College Transcripts**
- Attend and Complete Screening Process**
- Accept Invitation to join P.a.C.E.**
- Complete 30 FBE Observation hours**
- Attend Pre-Service: Orientation, Summer Institute, Online Complete 180 program hours prior to become eligible for the initial teaching Intern certificate – (150 program hours, Thursday evenings, ongoing Saturdays, and online) to include 30 FBE Observations (15 observations/digital, 15 interactive)**
- Obtain a Teaching Position**

# RESOURCES

## PACT Exam Information Brief

**You are eligible to take the Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT) exam if:**

1. You hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited university  
([http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/.](http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/))
2. You are seeking initial certification as a classroom teacher requiring no specific skill and experience requirements
3. You have NOT been enrolled or accepted into an alternative certification program

**To register for the exam:**

1. Go to [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org)
2. Click on "register"
3. Scroll down, then click "new user"
4. Select "No TEA ID"
5. Select "Pre-Admission Content Tests"
6. Enter required data for account registration
7. Select "register for a test"

***Please note:*** The PACT is simply the route that allows you to take examinations without being affiliated with a particular educator program. The test for which you register is not called PACT, it is called TExES. **A passing score on the PACT does not guarantee admittance to the program.** Scores must be sent by the student to our office as we do not receive them from ETS.

Please review all policies and procedures outlined in the registration bulletin online at [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org) prior to your test date.

Test preparation materials are available on the [ETS website](#).

Upon successful completion of PACT Tests,  
contact Project P.a.C.E. at [cbarrera@esc1.net](mailto:cbarrera@esc1.net)!

# Test Preparation Resources

<u>For Fee Materials</u>	<u>Free Materials</u>
<p><b>Region 1 TExES Review Sessions</b>– Offered through the <b>Office of Human Resources</b>, TExES preparation is open to current candidate / interns, as well as current pre-service and in-service teachers. Fees vary dependent upon the length of the review session.</p> <p><b>Current TExES Review Sessions: TExES Core Subjects, BTLPT, and Bilingual Supplemental.</b>  <a href="https://prodev.esc1.net/staffdev">https://prodev.esc1.net/staffdev</a></p>	<p><b>Test At A Glance</b> – Overview of each TExES exam that includes test name, test code, length of test, number and types of questions, domains and approximate percentage of the test, domains and competencies.  <a href="http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/tests-at-a-glance/">http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/tests-at-a-glance/</a>)</p>
<p><b>ETS TExES Practice Question eBooks</b> – Available exams include Principal, Math 4-8, Bilingual Supplemental, ESL Supplemental, Physical Education EC-12, Special Education EC-12, Music EC-12 (with audio files), and BTLPT (with audio files). Costs between \$19.95 and \$24.95.  <a href="http://store.ets.org/store/ets/en_US/list/ThemeID.12805600/categoryID.35697300">http://store.ets.org/store/ets/en_US/list/ThemeID.12805600/categoryID.35697300</a></p>	<p><b>Preparation Manuals</b> – Key features include a breakdown of the test, a list of domains and competencies that will be tested, strategies for answering multiple-choice questions, sample test questions and an answer key with rationales. These manuals are the only study materials endorsed by TEA.  <a href="http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/">http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/</a>)</p>
<p><b>240 Tutoring</b> – Provides in-depth review for each competency and interactive practice questions designed to address scenarios found on each exam. Current study guides include: PPR EC-12, ESL Supplemental, Bilingual Supplemental, Special Education EC-12, Core Subject Generalist EC-6, Core Subject Generalist 4-8, Math 4-8 &amp; 7-12 and Social Studies 4-8 &amp; 7-12. Each study guide costs \$79.99 for a 60 day enrollment period. Check website for comprehensive list.  <a href="http://www.240tutoring.com">http://www.240tutoring.com</a>)</p>	<p><b>Free Interactive Practice Tests</b> – Full-length practice tests that include correct answers, explanations for correct answers and an automatic score summary report. Currently PPR EC-12 (160), Mathematics 7-12 (235) and Science 7-12 (236) are now available.  <a href="http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/interactive-practice-test/">http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/interactive-practice-test/</a>)</p>
<p><b>XAMonline</b> – Review guides, flashcards and practice exams for Chemistry 7-12, ESL Supplemental, ELAR 4-8, ELAR 7-12, <del>Generalist 4-8</del>, <del>Generalist EC-6</del>, Math 4-8, Math 7-12, Science 4-8, Science 7-12, Social Studies 4-8, Social Studies 7-12, PPR EC-12, Physical Education EC-12, Special Education EC-12, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, and School Librarian. Costs range from \$14.99 to \$73.50.  <a href="http://www.xamonline.com/teacher_certification_study_guides/Texas">http://www.xamonline.com/teacher_certification_study_guides/Texas</a>)</p>	<p><b>T-CERT</b> – Funded by TEA and the Texas A&amp;M system, T-CERT was created to help teacher candidates, novice teachers, and experienced teachers pass TExES exams. Each module contains documents and handouts, video, practice questions, and more. Certificates of completion are available to print once he/she has completed all sections of the review module. Current modules include: Math 4-8, Math 8-12, Special Education EC-12, Science 4-8, Science 8-12, Generalist EC-6, PPR EC-12 and ESL.  <a href="https://pact.tarleton.edu/TCERT/index.cfm">https://pact.tarleton.edu/TCERT/index.cfm</a>)</p>
<p><b>Amazon.com and Barnes and Nobles also carry various review materials and study guides. There are many companies who publish review materials, but because they are not endorsed by TEA, so be sure to read reviews and be aware of what you're buying!</b></p>	

# Sample Summer Schedule

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## Project P.a.C.E. Schedule 2017-2018

Benchmark II - June					
62168	7.5	Program Introduction- Program Benchmarks, Educator Standards, Gateway Resources, Best Schools Kick Off	Local	Friday, June 2, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62171	7.5	TEKS Organization & Structure -in Content Area Lesson Plans and State Assessments	Local	Saturday, June 3, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62262	*2	TFA Welcome and Program Introduction	TFA	Saturday, June 3, 2017	10:00 - 12:00
62172	7.5	Instructional Technology	Local	Friday, June 9, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62174	7.5	Curriculum Development	Local	Saturday, June 10, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
<b>Regular Admission Cut Off Date</b>					
62176	7.5	Special Populations: SPED, Disabilities, GT, Bilingual	Local	Friday, June 16, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62177	7.5	Working with Children of Poverty- Teacher Efficacy, Cultural Literacy, and Implications of Positive Family/School Partnerships	Local	Saturday, June 17, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62179	7.5	Reading Instruction Introduction	Local	Friday, June 23, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62180	7.5	Instructional Technology Integration	Local	Saturday, June 24, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
Hrs.	60				
<b>Late Admissions</b>					
Benchmark II - July					
62182	7.5	Planning for Instruction - Lesson Planning	Local	Friday, July 21, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62183	7.5	English Language Learners & ELPs (bring lesson plan)	Local	Saturday, July 22, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
59858	7	Legal Issues includes Texas Educator Code of Ethics	All	Friday, July 28, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62184	9	Lesson Plan Presentations	Local	Saturday, July 29, 2017	8:30 - 12:00
62185	4	Classroom Management: Positive Learning Environment (Secondary)	All Sec.	Saturday, July 29, 2017	12:30 - 4:30
62186		Classroom Management: Positive Learning Environment (Elementary)	All Elem.	Saturday, July 29, 2017	12:30 - 4:30
62187	3.5	Certification Basics- For TFA and New Locals	ALL	Tuesday, August 8, 2017	5:30-9:00
Hrs.	38.5				
Phase II - Part B					
Benchmark II - August					
62181	12	K. Active Engagement w Total Participation Techniques (Course continues in Canvas - F2F and Online required for credit)	ALL	Friday, August 4, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
62233- ELA 62245- Math 62251- Sci 62252- SS 62256- F.A. 62241- PM	7	First Days of School Preparation (Content AM, PaCE PM) • ELA & Reading- Patsy Buhidar-#62233-Webb Rm • Math- Scott Bishop-#62245-La Lomita Rm • Science- Kevin Kelly-#62251 Falcon Dam Rm • Social St.- Zeke Martinez- 62252-#53238 Sal Del Rey Rm • Fine Arts- William Buhidar- #62256 - Cameron Rm	ALL	Saturday, August 5, 2017	8:30 - 4:30
Hrs.	19				
Benchmark III - Completion of Field-Based Experience					
Benchmark IV - 180 Hours Coursework Completed to Include FBE					
Summer Total Hrs.	236.5				



## Get Started!

### Project P.a.C.E. Applications/Admissions Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Pass the TExES exam(s) <http://www.texas.ets.org/>
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Submit online application
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Pay \$40 non-refundable application fee
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Submit transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended for review
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Interview with staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Pay \$295 pre-service training payment and \$55 TEA technology fees
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Acceptance letter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Complete 30 FBE Observations (15 video, 15 interactive)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Orientation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Complete 150 Program Hours  
(online, Thursday evenings, ongoing Saturdays, Summer Institute)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Secure Paid Internship (employment as a teacher)