

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission Requirements for Elementary, All-Level/ Secondary Certificate Programs

In accordance with Texas Administrative Code §227.10, §228.40 §230.11, §233, the following are required.

	APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION CLOSES
SUMMER 2024	Monday, Feb. 19 th	Friday, March 15 th
FALL 2024	Monday, March 18 th	Friday, May 3 rd

Apply online at <http://utrgv.tk20.com>

- 1** Submit **official** UTRGV transcript
 - Transcript must reflect "TSI STATUS- Met" (upload **official** transcript with application)
- 2** Core Complete (at time of admission)
 - 60 hours toward degree plan with teacher certification and an **overall GPA of 2.75** or higher. Sixty-hours of course work includes core completion.
 - **Candidates must be core complete** at time of admission.
 - **Electives and language proficiency courses are not included in the 60 hours.**
- 3** Meet required credit hours
 - **All** candidates must have **12 semester credit hours** completed in the major.
 - **Math/Science majors** (UTeach Program) must have **15 semester credit hours** completed in the major.
- 4** Complete Prerequisite Coursework (grades)
 - **ENGL 1301 & 1302** with C or better (All Grade Levels)
 - **EDUC 1301** (Elementary Teacher Education Program: only Bilingual, ESL, and Special Education concentrations)
 - **EDFR 2301** (Elementary Teacher Education Program: only Bilingual, ESL, and Special Education concentrations)
 - **MATH 1350 & 1351** (Elementary Teacher Education Program)
 - **UTCH 1101 & 1102** with C or better (UTeach Program only)
 - **UTCH 3301** with C or better (UTeach Program only)
- 5** Clearance of Criminal Background Check

Clearance of a Criminal Background Check is required. This step is completed during the application process in Tk20.

Pursuant to the Texas Education Code (TEC), §22.083, candidates must undergo criminal history background check prior to employment as an educator. Pursuant to the TEC, §22.0835, candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to clinical teaching.
- 6** Teacher Candidate Admission Interview
 - All candidates will be interviewed as part of the application process.
 - Candidates will be contacted by respective major's department after submission of the application to schedule interviews.

(FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES ONLY) - As per Texas Administrative Code, Chapter §227.10(7)(B), an applicant to a university undergraduate program that leads to a bachelor's degree may satisfy the English language proficiency requirement by meeting the English language proficiency requirement of the accredited Institution of Higher Education (IHE) at which the candidate is enrolled, or candidate must take all four parts of the Test of English as a Foreign Language-Internet Bases Test (TOEFL-iBT) and obtain a minimum score of 24 for speaking, 22 for listening, 22 for reading, and 21 for writing.

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