

ACT+RGV Offers 2 Paths to Certification: INTERNSHIP or CLINICAL TEACHING

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Meet with ACTRGV representative for Interview and transcript review.
- An **official transcript** showing a 4-year degree from an accredited institution with the degree conferred date.
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (gpa) of 2.5 or better on a 4-point system, or 2.5 gpa on the last 60 hours.
- Must meet 12/15 hours/specific courses in the area in which they wish to teach **OR** pass a TX PACT exam prior to admission into the program.
- Take and pass a Critical Thinking Exam with a minimum score of 45.
- TOEFL-IBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet Based Test code B241) minimum Speaking score of 24, Listening score of 22, Reading score of 22, and Writing score of 21
- Submit the signed receipt for the Candidate Policy Handbook, the FERPA agreement, and admission letter.
- Once the application and application fee are submitted, applicants will receive an "Approved Applicant Letter".

EDUCATOR PREPARATION CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS:

COMPLETE INSTITUTE TRAINING – 150 hours must be completed prior to teaching

- Training schedule will be provided
- A down payment must be received at least one week prior to the start of the session. (See fees below)

CONTENT TEXES EXAM

- Pass the TEXES content and content-related exam(s) at the earliest opportunity

FIELD-EXPERIENCE HOURS – Must be completed prior to teaching

- Complete **30** clock-hours of field-experience (observations in an accredited K-12 Texas school)
- Of the 30 hours, 15 must be interactive with students under a certified teacher's supervision
- Observations will be recorded on the **act+rgv** observation form and submitted to the **act+rgv** office
- School districts will require a TB test and a background check prior to entry into a classroom

INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

BEGIN A ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP AS A CERTIFIED TEACHER-OF-RECORD OR BEGIN A CLINICAL TEACHING PLACEMENT

Note: To be recommended for a state-issued Probationary/Intern Certificate, candidates

1. **Must** submit an official transcript, in a sealed envelope, with a "degree conferred" notation.
2. **Must** submit proof of 30 Field-Experience Hours,
3. **Must** have completed all Institute (Training) 150 hours,
4. **Must** have passed the TEXES content exam related to the teaching assignment AND edTPA/or PPR 160,

One-year Intern Certificate available if only content/content-related exam(s) is/are passed

PREPARE TO TAKE edTPA/PPR 160 OR 370

- edTPA performance assessment (three tasks representing a cycle of effective teaching training sessions.)
- Make an appointment and take the representative form of the PPR 160 or 370 (practice test)
- Attend scheduled edTPA Sessions (refer to calendar) or a scheduled six-hour PPR review

BEGIN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) HOURS

- The Texas Education Agency requires candidates to complete 300 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) during their internship. Information about opportunities to meet this requirement will be posted on the website (www.actrgv.com).

Program Fees Disclosure (non-refundable, no hidden costs):

Application Fee + TEA Technology Fee (non-refundable) + 240 tutoring fee	\$150
Institute (Training) Fee	\$750
Internship Fee	** \$4700
Clinical Teaching	** \$3600

Fees Paid to the State (TEA and Pearson)

TEXES Exams	\$116 or \$136 Fee depends on test
EdTPA	\$311
Probationary/Intern Certificate (after 8/31/17)	\$78
Standard Certificate	\$78
National Criminal Background Check	\$39 + \$10

**Includes on-site support through Field Supervisors, Mentor/Cooperating Teacher, PPR test preparation and tutorials, Internship/Clinical Teaching materials, professional development sessions, and additional program support.

4 - 8			
*217	ELA – R	C	\$136
*293	Science of Teaching Reading	C	\$136

4 - 8			
115	Math	C	\$116
116	Science	C	\$116
118	Social Studies	C	\$116

7 - 12			
231	ELA – R	L	\$116
235	Mathematics	C	\$116
236	Science	C	\$116
232	Social Studies	C	\$116

For TExES exams only

C = continuous administration

L = limited administration

<p>Candidates will be limited to five attempts to take a TExES certification test.</p>

EC - 12			
164	Bilingual Supplemental	C	\$116
190	BTLPT	L	\$116
154	ESL Supplemental	C	\$116
161	Special Ed	C	\$116

NEW TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Teacher Certification Re-design

September 1, 2021

STR (Science of Teaching Reading) 293

September 1, 2022

217 ELA/Reading 4-8

September 1, 2023

331 ELA/Reading 7-12

September 1, 2024

186 Special Education EC-6

187 Special Education 6-12