

What will it cost to participate in the TMATE Program?

The entire TMATE program cost includes tuition and required fees, textbooks, entry test costs, the internship fee, TExES exam fees and certification fees.

Application Fee An application fee of \$30 must accompany your Application to the College of Graduate Studies. Your check should be written payable to Tarleton State University.

Tuition Fees Graduate tuition and associated university fees will be assessed for TMATE courses. [Current tuition and fees](#) are set by the legislature and are subject to change. The chart below lists the number of hours of TMATE courses per semester. Residency status must be determined by the Admissions Office: www.tarleton.edu/~admissions. In-state tuition is much less expensive than out-of-state. Residency requirements are listed in the Tarleton State University Catalog under “Expenses as Determination of Residence for Tuition Purposes”: www.tarleton.edu/~catalog.

Textbooks Cost of textbooks will vary according to classes and certification area.

Entry Test Fees All applicants must complete either the Accuplacer, THEA, Texas Higher Education Assessment or have completed the TASP. The General Graduate Record Exam, GRE, is required for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and is required of those pursuing a Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Current testing fees are:

THEA	\$29
Accuplacer	\$30 at Tarleton
GRE Computer Based Test – CBT (General Test)	\$140

Internship Fee An Internship Fee is assessed to TMATE interns. This fee is in addition to tuition. In most instances, the district will make deductions from the salary of the intern and forward payments to the TMATE Office.

TExES Fees Certification requires passing state required tests. Each TExES exam cost \$120. Each certification area requires two TExES exams; some areas will need additional exams to satisfy state requirements. For complete information on test requirements, please see the Required State Exams portion.

Certificate Fees During the internship year, TMATE interns teach under a Probationary Certificate issued by the [State Board for Educator Certification](#), SBEC. All first-time applicants for initial certification are required to be fingerprinted as part of a national criminal background check. Upon completion of all courses, the internship, and passing the appropriate TExES/ExCET exams, interns are eligible to apply for the Standard Certificate. Certificate fees are set by SBEC and are subject to change.

Fees paid to SBEC	
Probationary Certificate	\$52.00
Total Fingerprint Fee	\$52.20
Standard Certificate	\$77.00

Financial Aid Financial aid requires that you be enrolled for at least 6 semester hours to be able to file. Some TMATE applicants are enrolled for only 3 hours during the Spring Mini-Mester so therefore are not enrolled in enough hours to apply for financial aid during their first Spring semester.

During the Pre-Internship Summer, TMATE students are enrolled in 12 hours which is enough hours to be eligible to apply for financial aid. To apply, please visit the Office of Financial Aid at the [Stephenville](#) Campus. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may also be obtained by calling 1-800-433-4243 or from the following website: www.fafsa.ed.gov. The first consideration deadline for financial aid applications for summer is March 1. When making application for summer, state you intend to be enrolled in the fall, when you will be serving your internship.

Tarleton offers the option of a **short-term loan** which might help with tuition for the Fall and Spring Semesters only. To apply, register for class and then complete an Installment Agreement available at <http://www.tarleton.edu/%7Ebusvcs/paymentdo.html>. The Installment Agreement & Short-Term Loan Application available at <http://www.tarleton.edu/%7Efinaid/shortloans.html> must be turned in together.

The **Office of Veteran Affairs** provides information on the GI Bill. The phone number for the Tarleton Campus is 254-968-9126 and the Killeen Central Texas Office is 254-519-5423.

Troops to Teachers may also be an option. Meryl Kettler is the contact person, meryl.kettler@esc13.txed.net or 1-800-810-5484 or <http://www.esc13.net/troops/>. During the Fall and Spring Internship semesters, you may be eligible to file for forbearance on student loans. Please contact the lending institution for information.