

The cost associated with earning your certification through the TMATE program is paid to several different entities. The entire TMATE program cost includes tuition and required fees, textbooks, entry test costs (if needed), the internship fee, TExES exam fees and certification fees. Information on financial aid and other payment options is covered after the explanation of costs.

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. The Graduate Application is turned in to the TMATE Office with your TMATE Application.

Tuition Fees A chart showing the number of courses required for each certification level is available at the [TMATE Professional Development Coursework Sequence](#). Graduate tuition and associated university fees will be assessed for each 3 semester hour TMATE courses. [Current tuition and fees](#) are set by the legislature and are subject to change.

Tuition is based on Texas residency. Residency requirements are listed in the [Tarleton State University Catalog](#) under “Expenses as Determination of Residence for Tuition Purposes.” Residency status must be determined by the [Admissions Office](#). In-state tuition is much less expensive than out-of-state tuition.

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

Entry Test Fees The General Graduate Record Exam, [GRE](#), is required for admission to the College of Graduate Studies by those pursuing a Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. The General GRE cost \$150. Full information including test prep is available on their website.

Internship Fee In addition to tuition, an Internship Fee is assessed to TMATE interns. In most instances, the district will make deductions from the salary of the intern and forward payments to the TMATE Office. The internship fee generates the money used to pay mentor teacher stipends and support TMATE program offices. The exact amount deducted depends on your program location and the length of the contract (10 or 12 month) you sign with the employing district.

TExES Fees Certification requires passing state required tests. Each TExES exam cost \$120. Each certification area requires passing both the content and the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities TExES exams, and some areas will need additional exams to satisfy state requirements. For complete information on test requirements, please see [Required State Exams](#).

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 successful 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. Current SBEC charges are:

Probationary Certificate	\$52
Fingerprinting Fee	\$52.20
Standard Certificate	\$77

FINANCIAL AID AND OTHER ASSISTANCE

You must be enrolled for at least 6 semester hours in order to be able to file for financial aid. During the Pre-Internship Summer, TMATE students are enrolled in 12 hours which is sufficient to be eligible to apply for financial aid. To apply, please visit the [Office of Financial Aid](#). **The first consideration deadline for financial aid applications for summer is March 1.** When making application for summer, ask the Financial Aid Office for the **Summer Office Application** which you must complete. State you intend to be enrolled in the fall, when you will be serving your internship.

Tarleton State University offers the option of a **short-term loan** which might help you pay tuition for the Fall and Spring Semesters only. To file for the loan, you must first register for class and then complete a [Short-Term Loan Application](#). This application includes a Promissory Note and an Installment Agreement which must all be turned in together.

Veterans may benefit from visiting the [Office of Veteran Affairs](#) for information on the GI Bill. The phone number for the Tarleton Campus is 254-968-9126. Also [Troops to Teachers](#) may also be an option. You can contact them by calling 1-800-810-5484.

During the Fall and Spring semesters, interns are enrolled for 3 semester hours; however, this is the internship and will be very time consuming. Rather than enrolling in another class to maintain eligibility for financial aid, you may be eligible to file for forbearance on student loans. Please contact the lending institution for information.