

# Handbook for Teacher Certification Examinations Fall 2023 Block 2 Elementary Yearlong Teacher Residency Candidates beginning TR1 in the Spring 2024 Semester

**TEXES – Texas Examinations for Educator Standards** 

Teacher Certification Examinations
Teacher Education Program
Educator Preparation Services

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# Introduction

This handbook will cover two different processes related to certification testing:

1. Gaining initial testing approval for the PPR, Content area and STR (if applicable) exams through your academic department.

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2. Registering for the actual Texas Examinations of Educator Standards – more commonly referred to as TExES exam. These are the exams required by the State of Texas for teacher certification.

Contained in this handout are the answers to the most frequently asked questions surrounding certification testing. It *briefly* covers the process for obtaining initial approval to test through your academic department, and more specifically the process for registering to take the TExES exams, the information needed to gain approval for any necessary TExES retakes, as well as additional information directly related to certification testing.

In order for this information to be useful you will need to read it thoroughly and carefully. The answer to most every question you may have related to certification testing can be found within these pages, but you must take the initiative to use this handbook for its intended purpose. Please retain it for reference throughout your remaining time in the Teacher Education Program.

If at any time you have questions concerning the actual <u>testing process</u>, including test by and pass by dates, please be sure to contact the Coordinator for Certification Testing. Do not accept the word of any other individual particularly if it is not included in this handbook or if it runs counter to the information within.

Questions related to the testing and retest <u>approval process</u> should be routed through Curriculum and Instruction.

**Before you begin** either process, there are a few items that need your immediate attention.

- 1. Log in to your TEAL (Texas Education Agency Login) account and make sure all the entered information is accurate <a href="https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/">https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/</a>. Pay particular attention to the following:
  - a. You have entered your <u>legal</u> first and last name. This information **MUST** match whatever legal forms of identification you will be using when taking the actual TExES exams.
  - b. You have entered your correct SS# and date of birth.
  - c. You supplied an email account that you actually use (preferably not Tarleton email).
  - d. You have completed your profile including gender and ethnicity information. This step will cause issues when you set up your testing account with the exam vendor (Pearson) if it is not complete. Some changes will require submitting authenticity to TEA, so it is important you attend to these matters right away. (Profile must be complete for test approvals to be entered.)
- 2. Your Tarleton email account is the official means of communication and is what will be used to relay any information coming out of Educator Preparation Services (EPS). Subject lines will always include a reference to matters such as
  - a. Certification Testing
  - b. Admission Status
  - c. Field Experiences
  - d. Clinical Teaching

It is necessary to get in the habit of checking your Tarleton email regularly so you do not miss any important information being relayed by EPS. Check you junk/spam folder closely as well.

Know where webpages for all certification testing information can be found <a href="https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/testing/index.html">https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/testing/index.html</a>. All information included in this handbook can also be found on the webpages included in the link.

#### What TExES exams will I need to take?

The table below outlines the exams that are required for the certification area you selected when you accepted formal admission to the Teacher Education Program. Tarleton will only be approving you for the exams directly related to that certification.

Certification Area	Exams Needed*	
	#160 – Professional Pedagogy and Responsibilities (PPR)	
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# **Obtaining Initial Test Approval**

Every candidate will be completing test preparation requirements for the PPR, Content area, and STR exams while enrolled in Block 2 coursework. This may include completing Representative Forms as well as study plans through a paid test preparation company. Your academic department will be providing all of the necessary information related to gaining test approval as well as the associated due dates to complete those requirements.

Test approval requirement for the ESL and Special Education (if applicable) exams will be covered in the corresponding courses and again, are established by your academic department.

Request to Test forms for Fall 2023 Block 2 candidates should be submitted immediately but are officially due by no later than **Friday, November 17**th **at 5:00 PM**. Partial or incomplete forms will not be accepted and late submissions will receive a flag. Approvals will be entered within 5-7 workings days of receipt from your academic department and you will need to monitor your Pearson testing account for approvals. Separate notification of entered approvals will not be provided.

Tarleton cannot approve you to take any additional exams that are not part of the certification fields for which you were admitted to the Teacher Education Program.

# **Submitting the Initial Request to Test Form**

Candidates should submit a completed Request to Test form upon the conclusion of the testing talk presentation. Forms submitted after Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM will receive a flag. Failure to submit the form on time will result in test approval entries being delayed which may interfere with meeting the established test by dates in the Yearlong Residency Testing Guide Table included in this handbook.

# <u>Please read thoroughly and carefully the submission instructions</u> <u>for this form using one of the two acceptable methods.</u>

- Fill out (typed NOT handwritten) the online Request to Test form found at: https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2023/08/2023-24-online-request-to-test-form.pdf Complete the form making sure you have checked and filled all applicable boxes and fields.
  - A. Save the completed form to your device naming it **Request to Test Form for (your legal first and last name)**. Check to make sure your saved form is not blank. If this happens, print the form and scan it before naming and saving to your device. (Example: Request to Test Form for Madison Cooper)
  - B. Attach the named Request to Test form to an email to <a href="mailto:strong@tarleton.edu">strong@tarleton.edu</a> with Request to Test Document for (your legal first and last name) in the subject line.

-or-

2. Hand deliver to room 101D in the Math Building on the Stephenville campus.

If you want confirmation that your form have been successfully sent and received by Ms. Strong, make sure to use an email platform that includes either a Request a Delivery Receipt and/or a Request a Read Receipt option (these are two separate functions so decide if you want to do one or both). This is something you must initiate on **your end** of the submission email. Refer to the help index of your email platform for instructions. **Do NOT** send a separate email asking if your documents have been received as these emails will not be answered. Check the document carefully and **submit once**.

# 2023-2024 TExES Test Approval Request Form

<u>Submit requests at least one month prior to the target date for which you would like to take the exam(s)</u> Email to Brenda Strong, <u>strong@tarleton.edu</u> or Fax to 254-968-9801. You <u>must</u> provide your TEA ID#.

<u>You will need to monitor your Pearson testing account for entered approvals</u> (set up your account at <u>www.tx.nesinc.com</u>). Allow a <u>minimum</u> of 5-7 working days for processing time. <u>Form must be TYPED.</u>

A. <u>Applicant Information</u> – please fill in <u>ALL</u> requested information (used for test reporting purposes only)

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B. <u>Program Verification</u> – check the program level <u>and</u> content area you are enrolled in

<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	Education	Program
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Alternative Teacher Education Program - TMATE Content Area:

Graduate/Profession Educator Preparation Program

Master's Degree -or- Post-Master's Certification only

Educational Diagnostician Principal Reading Specialist School Counselor Superintendent

C. Academic Status – please fill in <u>ALL</u> requested information that is applicable

Applied to your academic program: Semester Summer Year: Fall Spring (Semester you applied to the program. May not be the same as when you applied to the University) **Expected Program Completion:** P Spring Semester Fall Summer Year: Check one of the below and indicate semester(s) and year(s) Practicum Clinical Teaching Fall Summer Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Yearlong Teacher Residency (both semesters)

# E. TEXES EXAM(s) you are required to take

**Exams offered <u>continuously</u>** by computer (Dates vary according to each test site and can be viewed in the registration system. There is no guarantee you will be able to secure either the target test date or location you prefer. <u>CHECK ALL EXAMS</u> you will be required to take.

Ag, Food & Nat Res 6-12 Math 7-12 Technology Educ 6-12 PPR EC-12 Art EC-12 Math/Science 4-8 Music EC-12 Science of Tch Reading\* Chemistry 7-12 Core Subjects EC-6 Physical Education EC-12 ESL Suppplemental Educational Diagnostician\* Core Subjects 4-8 Physical Science 6-12 ELAR 4-8\* Reading Specialist Physics/Math 7-12 School Counselor\* ELAR 7-12\* Science 4-8 ELAR/Social Studies 4-8 Superintendent Science 7-12 History 7-12 Social Studies 4-8 Life Science 7-12 Social Studies 7-12 \*Have specific score Math 4-8 Special Education EC-12 posting dates. Other Content Area not listed-

# Exams offered only during specific test windows

The following listed exams are offered only during set testing windows <u>AND</u> have specific score postings. You will need to consult the Pearson registration site for additional information concerning dates and score posting schedules.

Language Other Than English - Spanish EC-12 - (LOTE)\*

Early Childhood: PreK-3\*

Principal

#268 - TExES - Principal as Instructional Leader\*

#368 - PASL - Performance Assessment for School Leaders\*

Reminders: Forms need to be submitted at least one month prior to your target test date to allow for testing eligibility verification and processing. Forms not filled out completely will not be processes and will be returned for missing information. It is the responsibility of candidates to familiarize themselves with all information provided at the time of registration. Also, please remember that you are not to choose dates that conflict with your classes, field experiences, laboratories, internships, or clinical teaching as your absence will not be excused for testing.

\*\*\*\*\*\* Please continue to the next page \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Eligibility verification by Department and EPS Director (for office use only)		
Content Exam Approval:	_ Date:	
PPR Exam Approval:	_ Date:	



# **Tarleton Policies Governing TExES Certification Exams**

The state certification examinations affect not only your certification status, but also the accreditation of all educator preparation programs at Tarleton State University. The Tarleton Educator Preparation Council developed the following policies to help ensure the success of Tarleton candidates and the continuing accreditation of all Tarleton educator preparation programs. **Policies are subject to change based on program reviews and Texas Education Agency rules and regulations without prior notice.** 

- 1. In accordance with state law, candidates who have not received official notification of, or replied with formal acceptance of program admission, cannot be granted permission to test.
- 2. Candidates are required to take state certification exams according to the test time line set by either their academic department, program director, or the Testing Coordinator.
- 3. Candidates may take only <u>one</u> exam per test administration date. Exams are long and rigorous and it is unreasonable to expect peak performance when taking multiple exams in a single day.
- 4. Do not choose test dates that conflict with any scheduled academic meetings such as classes, field experiences, laboratories, or any clinical assignment days as your absence will not be excused.
- 5. Traditional clinical teachers must have <u>ALL</u> required TExES exams <u>passed</u> and scores <u>posted</u> by August 1st for Fall semester clinical teaching assignments, and December 15th for Spring semester clinical teaching assignments. Failure to pass exams and/or have scores posted by the deadline will result in delaying clinical teaching until a subsequent semester after these requirements have been met. Yearlong Residency candidates must adhere to the published test by and pass by score posting deadlines as outlined in the Yearlong Residency Testing Guide Table for continued program eligibility.
  - In the event a candidate fails a certification exam, there is a state mandated 30-day wait period before a retest is available. Check with your individual program concerning more specific retake policies and requirements for requesting a retest. **You do not need to wait 30 days to begin the retest process.**
- 7. Candidates who have not taken and passed certification exams and/or applied for certification within a timely manner of program completion are at risk of losing passed exams and certification ability due to unpredictable changes in state law and rules. Candidates may be required to repeat or complete additional coursework, pass practice exams and/or engage the services of an outside test preparation program, especially if the State replaces an expired exam with a new replacement exam, and/or changes certification standards. It is the responsibility of candidates who have not completed certification requirements at the time of program completion to stay abreast and informed of any testing and certification changes that are implemented at the state level by reviewing the TEA and EPS websites.
- 8. Appeals related to any portion of this policy must be made in writing to the Dean of the College of Education at Tarleton State University.

I have received, read and understand the testing policies for Tarleton State University. By signing below, I agree to adhere to the above stated policies and understand that <u>failure to do so may result in the issuance of a flag and/or ineligibility to complete the program in which I am enrolled.</u>

Signed		Date	
	Entered name signifies acceptance of policies		





Phone Number:

Email Address:

# FERPA Consent to Release Educational Records and Information

	n consent to permit Tarleton State University to disclose lation contained therein to the specific individual(s) identified arefully and fill in all blanks.
I,	_ as a candidate admitted to a Tarleton Teacher Education
Printed Legal First and Last Name	Certification Program hereby give my voluntary consent to the following officials:
<ul><li>A. To disclose the following reco</li><li>TEXES exam sco</li></ul>	
B. To the following person(s):  Tarleton State University	school officials who are:
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Signature of Candidate (entered name	indicates acceptance) Candidate TEA ID#: Date



If you need assistance, please contact 240 Tutoring at 888-535-2142 or email <a href="mailto:helpdesk@240tutoring.com">helpdesk@240tutoring.com</a> 240 Tutoring staff are available to assist you.

Tarleton faculty and staff do not have the ability to assist with 240 Tutoring program problems if you need help.

Sign up for 240 Tutoring using this unique link and <u>your Tarleton email</u> when setting up your account: <u>https://study.240tutoring.com/subscribe/Tarleton</u>. You will receive the discounted rate of \$20.00 per month and access to ALL available study plans when you register using <u>your Tarleton email.</u>

The 240 Tutoring test preparation program is effective because it approaches content first. The following information is to help you understand the steps you need to take to be successful.

- 1. **Step One The Diagnostic Test (Orange Score Report)** provides the percent correct on the diagnostic test. Students are required to take the Diagnostic Test at the beginning to identify what they already know. The reported score is the benchmark score, or the starting point for your test preparation. This assessment indicates your knowledge comprehension at that specific point in time. **Scores for the Diagnostic Test are <u>not</u> an indication of how well you will perform on the 240 Tutoring Practice Test or the actual TExES exam.**
- **2. Step Two The Study Guide (Purple Progress Report)** provides information on percent completion of the study guide modules. Emphasis is placed on the completion of the content modules first. The purpose of the Study Guide is to increase student content knowledge as opposed to question-and-answer memorization. <u>Students will be completing 240 Tutoring Study Plans as outlined by their academic departments who will also determine acceptable cut scores to gain test approval.</u>
- 3. Step Three The Practice Test (Green Score Report) provides the performance, or the percent correct on the tested items. The Practice Test is only available at the completion of all competency content modules. It is important for students to do their best on the practice tests because they are given only three attempts to achieve the requirements for test approval. It is also important to complete the program in the steps outlined.
- 4. If a student is unable to achieve the required % or better in every domain on a single Practice Test attempt, they must contact 240 Tutoring and request to have their plan deleted and START ALL OVER AGAIN with the study materials, flashcards, quizzes and practice tests. Send an email to helpdesk@240tutoring.com with the study plan # and name, student name and email as in the following message example: Please delete the #160 PPR Study Plan for Tarleton student Windy Day windy.day@go.tarleton.edu. If you need any score reports from the plan, save them BEFORE making the request. Once deleted, you will need to re-enroll.

IMPORTANT! Subscriptions auto-renew on the same date each month. It is up to YOU to cancel or reactivate your account as necessary.

# **Student Flagging Procedure**

The flagging procedure has been developed to help identify situations that may prevent or hinder candidates from becoming the most effective and successful professional educator as possible, or performance, attitudes and behaviors that may be an indication of a low level of commitment to the profession.

Situations that may be flagged include, but are not limited to:

Communication, Collaboration, Commitment, Professional Conduct and Behaviors, Ethical Conduct, and Code of Ethics

Included in the above, candidates who miss required attendance of EPS meetings, application deadlines, or materials submission, will receive flags. Flags can be issued by academic departments, EPS, as well as higher university levels.

Flags become part of the candidate's permanent file and result in the following dependent on severity: 1st Flag – Student/Candidate meets with Issuing Representative either by email, phone, or Zoom 2nd Flag – Student/Candidate meets with Department or College Representative or Committee and may be ineligible for admission to or be dismissed from the Teacher Education Program 3rd Flag – Student/Candidate meets with College Committee and may be ineligible for admission to or dismissed from the Teacher Education Program and/or the College of Education and Human Development

A complete copy of the flag can be obtained at https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/documents/flags.pdf.

# Test Takers with Documented Disabilities or Health-Related Needs

If you have a documented disability or health-related need and need to request special testing accommodations, you must arrange for them <u>BEFORE</u> you schedule to take any of your exams. It is the responsibility of the individual candidate to obtain any special accommodations approval from the testing company and to familiarize themselves with the related registration process. Start this process right away as it is necessary to obtain and submit the correct paperwork for review by Pearson, the testing vendor. EPS or the testing coordinator are not involved with this process due to FERPA reasons, although it may be possible that the Disabilities Office could provide assistance.

It is critical that any candidates needing special accommodations completely familiarize themselves with the process and steps required to obtain special testing arrangements well in advance of scheduling any exams. Specific official documentation is required and once submitted can take up to 3 weeks to review before being granted approval. You will want to allow enough time to gather and submit the information for review so you can schedule to test as quickly as possible once you receive program approval. Do NOT schedule any exams prior to being granted accommodation approval. Also, you may be required to use a specific testing facility based on the accommodation being requested. Be prepared to travel to an approved site if necessary.

#### Link for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-Related Needs:

http://www.tx.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=TXCBT\_RequestingAlternativeTestingArrangements.html&t=TX183

# Registering for the TExES Exams Once Approvals Have Been Entered

TEXES exam approvals will be entered in the registration system within 5-7 working days of departmental notification. Your academic department will be forwarding test approvals to the testing coordinator once established requirements have been completed in your courses. You will need to monitor your Pearson testing account for approvals as separate notifications are not sent.

You must test and retest by the dates established in the Yearlong Residents Testing Guide Table (following page). Candidates failing to meet the required dates will receive flags. It is extremely important that you register to test as quickly as possible in order to meet the established testing dates.

When registering, it is also important to check the score posting schedule for each required exam to be sure of meeting any score posting deadlines. Not all exam scores post on the same days and some have very specific windows when they are offered.

Equally important is that you know what your particular testing facility requires in terms of acceptable forms of official identification. Not all locations require the same number of IDs (example one might require 1 and another might require 2), but **all must be original and must not be expired**. Photocopies and cell phone pictures are not acceptable.

Lastly, it is imperative to know of any special tools you may be using during administration of your exam. If a calculator is required, you will need to know if it will be provided of if you need to bring your own from an approved list of brands and models. If provided, watch the online tutorial so you know ahead of time how to properly use it.

The safest rule of thumb is to familiarize yourself with all Pearson provided materials for each exam you need to take when you register. Preparation materials for all exams can be found at

http://www.tx.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN\_PreparationMaterials.html

# Yearlong Residency Testing Guide Table Effective for Fall 2023 Block 2 Candidate

(Completed Request to Test Form due immediately but by no later than 11/17/23)

Fall Residency Start	Spring Residency Start
(Teacher Residency 1 – TR1)	(Teacher Residency 2 – TR2)
To be determined by	To be determined by
Academic Department	Academic Department
Test by no later than	Test by no later than
June 1st before TR1	January 1st before TR1
(Block 3)	(Block 3)
Retest by no later than	Retest by no later than April
August 15th (or sooner)	15th (or sooner) before TR1
before TR1 (Block 3) and if	(Block 3) and if needed
needed again by no later	again by no later than June
than October 1st	1st
December 15 <sup>th</sup> before start of TR2	August 1st before start of TR2
To be determined by	To be determined by
Academic Department	Academic Department
Test by no later than January	Test by no later than June
15th of TR2	1st of TR2
Retest by no later than March 1st (or sooner) of TR2 (Block 3) and if needed again by May 1st if not sooner	Retest by no later than August 1st (or sooner) of TR2 (Block 3) and if needed again by October 1st if not sooner
By program completion	By program completion
	To be determined by Academic Department  Test by no later than June 1st before TR1 (Block 3)  Retest by no later than August 15th (or sooner) before TR1 (Block 3) and if needed again by no later than October 1st  December 15th before start of TR2  To be determined by Academic Department  Test by no later than January 15th of TR2  Retest by no later than March 1st (or sooner) of TR2 (Block 3) and if needed again by May 1st if not sooner

Candidates are responsible for contacting their academic department concerning mandatory remediation sessions for retest approvals.

Candidates will not receive separate notification of entered test approvals. It will be necessary to monitor your Pearson testing account for approvals so you may begin registering. Approvals received by the testing coordinator from the academic department will be entered in the system by no later than 5-7 working days of receipt.

Failure to meet test by and rest by dates will result in the issuance of flags. In order to allow candidates enough time for the allotted 5 attempts for any given exam, you will need to schedule and budget your time wisely. This may require retesting prior to the established retest by dates if you want to allow enough time for the maximum attempts allowed. The best rule of practice is to obtain retest approval as quickly as it is determined a retest is necessary.

Candidates are responsible for contacting the department concerning mandatory remediation sessions. Once an exam retake becomes evident, you should contact your faculty mentor right away for further information. Faculty mentors are assigned by your academic department and EPS staff are unable to provide you with the assignment. If you need confirmation of who you are assigned to, please contact Curriculum & Instruction.

Passing of exams does not certify you as a teacher. Candidates are not eligible for teacher certification recommendation until program completion then only until <u>ALL</u> required exams have been passed. You will want to ensure your have every exam passed according to the testing guide and by graduation so your certification will not be delayed, especially if accepting a teaching position is contingent upon being certified.

For Core Subjects retakes – If a candidate has to retake <u>more than one sub-section</u> (subject) of the exam, you will need to register for the entire exam and then while retaking it scroll through any subject already passed and just retake those that are remaining. The only time you are allowed to registered for one single subset (subject) is if that is all you have left to pass.

\*\*\*If for any reason a candidate is removed form a yearlong residency and is required to finish the program by means of a traditional clinical teaching semester, ALL required TExES exams must be passed by December 15th for Spring clinical teaching or August 1st for Fall semester clinical teaching.

# **How to Register for TExES Exams**

Within 5-7 working days of the testing coordinator receiving test approval from your academic department, you can begin checking your Pearson testing account and are free to begin registering for your TExES exams. First, it is extremely important you check your TEAL (TEA Login account) to make sure you have all of your information correctly entered and that your profile has been completed. Any changes must be made before you set up your Pearson testing account and register to take any exams.

Step 1	Go to https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/	For TEA Login account assistance or
Step 2	Log in to your account	help call 512-936-8400
Step 3	Make sure all entered information is correct, including legal first and last name, date of birth, social security number, and that you have completed your profile including gender and ethnicity. <i>It is advisable you do NOT use your Tarleton email in your profile.</i>	

After you have checked your TEA account for both accuracy and completion, you can set up your testing account with Pearson. It is critical that you set up your testing account using the <a href="mailto:same">same</a> information you used when setting up your TEA account. These two systems need to talk to each other to properly process the information. Once you have submitted your test approval materials, create your testing account and begin registering for exams following the YLR Testing Guide Table.

# How to Create your account and REGISTER for your **TEXES** Exams with Pearson

Step 1	Go to www.tx.nesinc.com to register.	For login or registration problems, call	
Step 2	Click on the "Register" link (top of page).	the Pearson Help Line at 1-800-877-4599	
Step 3	Sign in if you are an existing user or click on the "Create an account now" button if you are a new user. ( <b>Information entered must match all information in your TEA account</b> .) <i>It is advisable</i> <u>NOT</u> <i>to use your Tarleton email</i> .		
Step 4	Set up your account providing all requested inform	mation (new users only).	
Step 5	Select your exam and follow the instructions that they walk you through.		
Step 6	Submit your payment.		
Step 7	Schedule your exam by choosing the location, date and time. Finalize your selection and check out. (Registration is not complete until you have scheduled and paid for the exam.)		
Step 8	Confirm your information and review testing policies. Review your personal information and agree to the applicable testing policies. Once you have submitted your order, your exam will officially be scheduled.		
Step 9	Save your confirmation. You will receive an email confirming your appointment date, time, and test center location. It is advisable to take the confirmation along to the testing center with you.		

# Elementary (Grades EC-6 and 4-8) Request to Retest Remediation Plan

In order to receive permission to retest, you will need to carefully read, follow, and complete the remediation items listed below related to the specific retest attempt you are requesting. If you are requesting permission to retake more than one exam, you must complete an individual remediation plan for <u>each separate exam</u>. Once you complete and document the required remediation tasks, you will submit the documentation along with all other required forms to a Google Form. <u>Please note that it can take 5-7 working days for testing permission to be given after you submit all forms to Dr. Garcia.</u> If you are requesting permission to retake the EC-6 Core Subjects exam, you will complete <u>separate remediation tasks for each section still needed</u>. Once submitted, you will need to monitor your Pearson testing account for entered retest approvals.

If you are unsure of who your assigned faculty mentor is, you will need to contact your academic department for that information and NOT Educator Preparation Services.

# First Request to Retest

- 1. Take a 240 tutoring practice test and score 90% or better in <u>each</u> domain area on a single attempt. For EC-6 Core Subjects only, you will need 90% overall in each <u>subject area</u>. The date of the practice test must be dated *after* your last TExES exam attempt. \*For STR, you must score 80% or higher in each domain, with a score of 50% or higher in each competency.
- 2. Contact assigned faculty mentor right away for study resources and testing tips and to attend a mandatory scheduled remediation session and/or complete remediation as directed by your faculty mentor. Fill out the Exam Remediation Confirmation Form and have your mentor sign it. \*For STR, you must spend an hour in the STR Canvas Community for each competency in which they scored less than 50%. (Mentors must confirm this through Canvas Analytics.)
- 3. Submit all of the following listed documents below to <a href="https://forms.gle/K8PmPDKguELMZiph8">https://forms.gle/K8PmPDKguELMZiph8</a> after you attend the remediation session.
  - (a) Request to Retest form <a href="https://web.tarleton.edu/eps/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2022/10/Elementary-Request-to-Retest-Form-10.4.22.pdf">https://web.tarleton.edu/eps/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2022/10/Elementary-Request-to-Retest-Form-10.4.22.pdf</a>
  - (b) Copy of most recent official TExES exam scores
  - (c) 240 Tutoring Practice Test scores
  - (d) Remediation Confirmation Form signed by your faculty mentor

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# For Second Request to Retest Requirements

- 1. Contact your assigned faculty mentor to set up individual remediation and discuss study resources. You must submit the **Remediation Confirmation Form** with your faculty mentor signature. Your mentor may require you to attend a second remediation session.
- **2.** Complete the number of study hours/activities required based on exam score, focusing on the lowest scoring *competencies*. The student is responsible for finding study resources. Document study/remediation activities on the **Exam Remediation Independent Study Form.**

# Second Request to Retest

Score Range 230 – 239: 10 study hours Score Range 219 – 229: 12.5 study hours Score Range 209 – 218: 15 study hours

- **3.** Submit all of the following listed documents to <a href="https://forms.gle/K8PmPDKguELMZiph8">https://forms.gle/K8PmPDKguELMZiph8</a> after completing the required number of study hours
  - (a) Request to Retest form <a href="https://web.tarleton.edu/eps/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2022/10/Elementary-Request-to-Retest-Form-10.4.22.pdf">https://web.tarleton.edu/eps/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2022/10/Elementary-Request-to-Retest-Form-10.4.22.pdf</a>
  - (b) Copy of most recent official TExES exam scores
  - (c) Remediation Confirmation Form signed by your faculty mentor
  - (d) Exam Remediation Independent Study form

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# For Third or Fourth Request to Retest Requirements

# 1. Contact assigned faculty mentor to set up individual remediation and discuss study resources. You must submit the **Remediation Confirmation Form** with faculty signature. Faculty mentor may require you to attend additional remediation session.

 Complete the number of study hours/activities required based on exam score, focusing on the lowest domains. The student is responsible for finding study resources. Document study/remediation activities on the Exam Remediation Independent Study Form.

> Score Range 230 – 239: 15 study hours Score Range 219 – 229: 17 study hours Score Range 209 – 218: 20 study hours

- 3. Submit the following documents to <a href="https://forms.gle/K8PmPDKguELMZiph8">https://forms.gle/K8PmPDKguELMZiph8</a> after completing the required number of study hours.
  - (a) Request to Retest form <a href="https://web.tarleton.edu/eps/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2022/10/Elementary-Request-to-Retest-Form-10.4.22.pdf">https://web.tarleton.edu/eps/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2022/10/Elementary-Request-to-Retest-Form-10.4.22.pdf</a>
  - (b) Copy of last official TExES exam scores
  - (c) Remediation Confirmation Form signed by your faculty mentor
  - (d) Exam Remediation Independent Study form

# Third or Fourth Request to Retest

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# **Remediation Confirmation Form**

Name:	
Tarleton Email Address:	
Name of Certification Exam:	
Exam Score:	
This is my first retest request	for this exam.
Faculty Mentor Name	
Resources/Study Tips	
Date of Meeting	
Faculty Member Signature	
Date/Time of Remediation	
Session attended and	
Faculty Name	
This is my second retest requ	uest for this exam.
Faculty Mentor Name	
Resources/Study Tips	
Date of Meeting	
Faculty Member Signature	
This is my third/fourth retest	t request for this exam.
Faculty Mentor Name	
Resources/Study Tips	
Date of Meeting	
Faculty Member Signature	
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By signing below and submitting this listed	document, I affirm that I completed the activities
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Signature	Date

# **Exam Remediation Independent Study Form**

You must complete this document for <u>each exam</u> you are requesting to retake, after your **2nd attempt**. If you are requesting permission to retake more than one section of the EC-6 Core Subjects exam, you must complete the required remediation hours for each section. <u>You cannot reuse remediation activities from previous or earlier requests</u>.

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# **Test Preparation Resources**

Please keep in mind that the function of the Testing Coordinator is to lead you through and help you navigate the testing *process*. It is the responsibility of your academic department – Curriculum & Instruction - to prepare and help you be successful with all of your exams. If you have difficulties preparing for or passing any of your exams, you should seek the help of your department.

Although 240 Tutoring may used as in exam preparation, the Teacher Education Program is aware that some candidates may need or want additional resources to help prepare themselves. What follows is a short list of known resources that candidates may find useful in their test/retest preparation. This is not an endorsement or guarantee of any particular resource.

#### **FREE Online Resources**

**T-CERT** - TEXES Certification Exam Review for Teachers is a website provided by the Texas A&M University System to help teacher candidates pass the TEXES. This site contains review modules specifically for the PPR, 4-8 Math, 4-8 Science, 7-12 Math, 7-12 Science, EC-12 Special Education, ESL, EC-6 Core Subjects and BTLPT. Contact your Testing Coordinator for 60 days access to the materials (*free only to candidates in the A&M System schools*).

#### Pearson Preparation Materials -

http://www.tx.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN\_PreparationMaterials.html

YouTube and Google – Search for "Free TExES Study Materials." Multiple pages of study materials

CrashCourse - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse">https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse</a>

Quizlet - <a href="https://quizlet.com/">https://quizlet.com/</a>

Bullock Museum Texas History Timeline – <a href="https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/texas-history-timeline">https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/texas-history-timeline</a> Interactive timeline to help prepare for the Social Studies portion of the Core Subjects.

Chegg Prep - <a href="https://www.chegg.com/flashcards">https://www.chegg.com/flashcards</a>

Khan Academy - <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/">https://www.khanacademy.org/</a>

TeachWriteLearn - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzlR\_rqlEvGClE\_s5E7s\_zw/videos

<u>Commercial Test Prep Companies</u> offer the purchase of test preparation materials. The following list is for your information only and *is not intended as an endorsement of the companies or their products*:

Certify Teacher – <a href="https://certifyteacher.com/">https://certifyteacher.com/</a> (contact testing coordinator for discount code)

Pass the TExES - <a href="https://www.passthetexes.com/">https://www.passthetexes.com/</a>

Mometrix - <a href="https://www.mometrix.com/">https://www.mometrix.com/</a>

Ultimate TExES Guide to the EC-6 Core Subjects Exam -

http://www.ultimatetexesguide.com/store/p1/Ultimate Guide to the TExES Core Subjects EC-6%3A Exam %23291.html

XAM Online - <a href="http://xamonline.4dlspace.com/AMOL/welcome/start/">http://xamonline.4dlspace.com/AMOL/welcome/start/</a>

Exam Edge - <a href="https://www.examedge.com/texes/">https://www.examedge.com/texes/</a>

TExES Master - <a href="https://www.texes.net/index.php">https://www.texes.net/index.php</a>

Research & Education Associates (REA) - https://store.rea.com/tstprep-teachcert-tx.html

**Study.com -** <a href="https://study.com/academy/goal/professional-licensure/teacher-certification/texes-texas-examinations-of-educator-standards.html">https://study.com/academy/goal/professional-licensure/teacher-certification/texes-texas-examinations-of-educator-standards.html</a>

# Links to helpful YouTube videos

How to study and prepare for a Texes exam

<u>Tips for Passing the TExES exam the 1st time! Part 1</u>

Tips for Passing the TExES exam the 1st time! Part 2

PASS THE TEXES CORE SUBJECTS EC-6TH (291) ON YOUR FIRST TRY | RESOURCES 101

TEXES Core Subjects EC-6 (391) ELAR Review Part 1

TEXES Core Subjects EC-6 (391) ELAR Review Part 2

Core Subjects EC-6 ELAR Review Part 3

TEXES EC-6 Science Review Part 1 (new)

TExES Core Subjects EC-6 Science Review Part 2

TEXES CORE Subjects EC-6: Science - Everything You Need to Know to Pass [Updated]

TEXES CORE Subjects EC-6: Math [Updated] What You Need to Know

TEXES CORE Subjects EC-6 Math Practice Questions 2020 [Video 2]

TEXES CORE Subjects EC-6: Social Studies (w/Practice Questions)

TEXES ESL Supplemental Study Guide + Practice Questions

TEXES 154 ESL Study Guide 2020

TEXES 154 ESL Study Guide 2021

TEXES ESL Supplemental Study Competency 001

TEXES ESL Supplemental Study Guide Competency 001 Grammar

TEXES English as a Second Language Supplemental (154) Practice Questions Special Education Challenge

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**TEXES Special Education Study Session** 

**TEXES Special Education** 

TEXES STR Constructed Response Example 1

TEXES Science of Teaching Reading (STR) New Materials Overview [Video 1]

TEXES Science of Teaching Reading (STR) – New Constructed-Response Breakdown

# **Important Testing Information and Reminders**

- 1. You must be willing to thoroughly read all of the information that has been provided for you. A lot of time and effort has been expended to make sure you have all of the information you need concerning testing in this handbook. Please use it.
- 2. Candidates are required to complete test approval requirements as set forth by their academic department to determine test readiness. For Fall 2023 Block 2 candidates, the deadline for submission of the Request to Test form is **no later than Friday, November 17**th **by 5:00 PM** and no test approvals can be entered without it. **Submission, test approvals, and testing are required for Block 3 (TR1) eligibility**. Please submit this completed document now. Incomplete forms will not be accepted which may delay the testing process. Test approvals are due during the semester candidates take Block 2. Please take care to fully complete and supply all information required and submit by the due date. Candidates submitting the form late will be issued a flag.
- 3. It is the responsibility of the candidate to meet the test by, retest by, and pass by deadlines for program continuation. You must stay on top of and budget your time wisely from now until you finish the Teacher Education Program. Flags will be issued if due dates are not met.
- 4. Once testing approvals have been entered you can begin registering on the Pearson website for **TExES** exams according to the Testing Guide Table. Do not confuse TX PACT exams when registering. Make sure you read ALL registration materials that are provided when you register for the actual TExES exams with Pearson, the testing vendor. Candidates are responsible for knowing all registration materials.
- 5. If you have a documented disability or health-related need and need to request special testing accommodations, you must do it <u>BEFORE</u> you schedule to take any of your exams. Start the paperwork process today. See the related page in this handbook for Pearson website information. It is the responsibility of the candidate to obtain special accommodation approval. Neither the Testing Coordinator nor individuals in EPS are involved with the materials needed for submission to request accommodations.
- 6. ALL TEXES exams must be completed according to the dates outlined in the Testing Guide Table. Candidates who are not able to complete the yearlong residency will be required to complete a traditional clinical teaching semester where all exams are required to be passed by the December 15<sup>th</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for eligibility.
- 7. The current cost of all TExES exams is \$120.00 \$140.00 payable at time of exam registration and scheduling. This also applies to any retakes. All exams are computer administered.
- 8. Tarleton Testing Policies allow candidates to take only <u>one exam per calendar day</u>. The exam registration system will allow registration for two exams on the same date, but it is not permitted by Tarleton policy to do so. You will be signing a policy acknowledgement agreement concerning this and any violation will result in the issuance of a flag. Your testing approvals may be revoked and you will also be required to change registration dates and will be flagged if this occurs.

- 9. Your score report will be available to you via your account on the Pearson testing website approximately 3-4 days from the date you took the exam as published. Some limited window exam scores take longer to post and follow a different posting schedule. A passing score for all exams is 240 (a perfect score is 300). Be sure to begin testing early enough to meet the dates in the Testing Guide Table and figure in the time allotted for score posting and any necessary retests when scheduling late exam attempts.
- 10. You do not need to submit your TExES exam scores to the Testing Coordinator. The program receives all test scores twice a week and they are recorded. Save copies of test score reports for your personal records.
- 11. State law requires a 30-day wait period between attempts if a retake for an exam is necessary. It is very important that candidates begin to test early enough to allow for any potential retakes while permitting enough time to have passing scores prior to the established dates. You will follow departmental requirements to receive retest approval. **Do not wait 30 days to begin the retest process.** You should begin the retest process immediately after receiving a failed score in order to meet the established retest by dates for residency candidates. The registration system will not allow a candidate to schedule a date to retest sooner than 30 days since the exam was last attempted, but you can still register before the wait period. You must at the minimum follow the published retest by dates.
- 12. Any exam retakes will require candidates to complete additional study plans **and/or** additional preparation requirements as set by your academic department each time an exam is retaken. See the previous retest sequence page for instructions.
- 13. State law permits a total of 5 attempts for any one given certification exam. Any Tarleton candidate testing for a fifth attempt will be required to sign a waiver form indicating the candidate fully understands Tarleton can no longer approve additional attempts. **Keep in mind that the vast majority of our candidates are able to pass all exams with minimal attempts.**
- 14. Candidates set up a TEA Login account when enrolled in EDUC 3320/3321. It is important that you check your account for accuracy, especially your first and last name, and make sure you have *completely filled out your profile*. The legal first and last name in your account **MUST** match what is shown on the valid forms of ID you use to access the testing facility on the day of the exam. <u>List an email that you actually use.</u> Any corrections to a name, SS#, or DoB must be done directly through TEA. You may begin registering once testing approval has been given. Check your TEA account for accuracy <u>BEFORE</u> you set up you testing account with Pearson. <u>Candidates with incomplete account profiles will not be granted testing approvals.</u>
- 15. Make sure whatever legal ID documents used (check the Pearson registration information for a list of acceptable documents) are **NOT EXPIRED**. Check that **NOW** in case something needs to be renewed, like your driver's license, passport, etc. If you go to test and there is a discrepancy, you will not be allowed to test and will not receive a refund. **Only original ID's are permitted** no copies, photos, or phone pictures are accepted. Different testing facilities have different ID policies so be sure to carefully read all registration materials.

- 16. There are various locations of testing sites and all are independently run so we have no control over dates or space availability, disabilities accommodations, test cancellations or rescheduling. <u>It is important to register early to be able to obtain your optimal testing date and location.</u>
- 17. Your @go.tarleton.edu email account is the official TSU way of communication. All group emails related to testing will be sent to this account, so it is important you regularly check it for any reminders or information sent by Educator Preparation Services.
- 18. Do not take <u>ANYTHING</u> into the testing center other than your exam confirmation email and required IDs. There is a list of restricted items in both the TEA Registration information and again when you register with Pearson. Do not attempt to bring any restricted items in to the testing centers test takers will be removed from the testing center, fees will be forfeited and scores will be canceled, even if dismissal is not enforced on the day of the test. Testing facilities are not allowed to hold any items for test takers. Leave all personal items locked in your car. It is the responsibility of the candidate to fully read the testing information provided on the Pearson website for rules and restrictions pertaining to the day of the exam and the testing center.
- 19. Should it become necessary for anyone to lay out a semester for any reason, it is the responsibility of that candidate to stay abreast of any changes that are made to the testing process/requirements and to meet any new deadlines that may be implemented or adopted. It is also the responsibility of the candidate to keep Educator Preparation Services informed of any changes that may impact field experiences, clinical teaching, and continuation in the teacher education program.
- 20. **Passing of TExES exams does NOT certify you as a teacher.** You must wait until you have completed the program (all classes done, graduated and degree posted to your records by the Registrar's Office) before you can be recommended for certification by Tarleton. At the end of the final clinical experience semester you will receive information from the Certification Officer that will walk you through the certification application steps. There are only certifications for content areas and supplementals (ESL/Bilingual). *There is no separate certification for PPR*.
- 21. Teaching certifications are not listed on your Tarleton diploma. Only the official name of your major is listed. Once all program requirements have been successfully completed, Tarleton will recommend you for teacher certification through the TEA system. You can then print a paper copy of your teacher certificate through TEA (Texas Education Agency) which will list the certifications you have been awarded after program completion. Again, you are not automatically certified once all exams have been passed, but you will receive more information concerning that matter toward the completion of the Clinical Teaching semester directly from Tarleton's Certification Officer.
- 22. **Adding Additional Testing and Certification Fields:** to test in other content areas and additional certifications to your credentials, you will first <u>need to complete all program requirements</u>, <u>pass those content exams and then apply for initial standard certification in your current certification area after your degree has posted in the Tarleton system.</u> After you have been awarded your standard certification by TEA, you will no longer go through Tarleton to obtain testing

approval for other content areas. You will go directly through Pearson and register for the exams you wish to attempt and then register to take them. Once passed, it is your responsibility to apply to have the additional content area(s) added to your certification. See the TEA website for additional information concerning certification by exam.

- 23. Apply for the Dennis P. McCabe Student Endowment Scholarship by the spring semester deadline. You must have a general scholarship application on file as well as go online and specifically select the scholarship to apply for it. \$1000.00 is awarded for the Clinical Teaching semester. Applications are due early spring semester but there may be some that need to be re-rewarded at the end of the fall semester so it's worth going in and applying even if you are late. There are also many other education-related scholarships available but you must meet application deadlines. Contact the Scholarship Office for more information 254-968-9922. (See last page of this handbook.)
- 24. If at any time you ever have questions about what exam approvals you currently have, check your testing account on the Pearson website. The testing coordinator can only enter approvals granted by your academic department and does not have authority to override their decisions.
- 25. Questions? <u>CALL</u> me, Brenda Strong, at 254-968-1908, or find additional information at: <a href="http://www.tarleton.edu/eps/testing/index.html">http://www.tarleton.edu/eps/testing/index.html</a> Submit Request to Test form to <a href="mailto:strong@tarleton.edu">strong@tarleton.edu</a>

# **Test Preparation Guidance**

It is important that you continue with test preparation between the time you receive testing approval and the time you schedule to take the TEXES exams. It is unreasonable to expect that the time you spend gaining testing approval is adequate for being fully prepared to take exams, especially if considerable time has passed since you last did any form of test preparation. For example, if you are approved to test, yet wait to take exams 3 or more weeks later, it is likely you will not be fully prepared to take the exam. Candidates should continue to study and prepare right up until the time of the actual exam date.

There are no shortcuts to preparing for success on any of the TExES exams. It takes dedication of time and effort in the preparation process to be successful. We want all of our teacher education candidates to pass within the first attempt of each exam as much as possible, but the results are in part dependent upon individuals being committed to the process.

# Links to important Websites and Pages

Educator Preparation Website (EPS): <a href="https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/index.html">https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/index.html</a>

EPS Certification Testing webpages: <a href="https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/testing/index.html">https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/testing/index.html</a>

Request to Test form:

 $\underline{https://www.tarleton.edu/eps/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2023/08/2023-24-online-request-\\\underline{to-test-form.pdf}}$ 

240 Tutoring: <a href="https://www.240tutoring.com/">https://www.240tutoring.com/</a>

TEA Login: <a href="https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/">https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/</a>

Pearson Testing Account Setup and Registration: www.tx.nesinc.com

Link for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs:

 $\underline{http://www.tx.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=TXCBT\ RequestingAlternativeTestingArrangemen}\\ \underline{ts.html\&t=TX183}$ 

# Attention

# **Teacher Education Candidates**

Be sure to apply for the

Dr. Dennis P. McCabe Student Endowment Scholarship

This scholarship is given to students for achievement in the classroom, leadership on campus, financial need, and field experience. To apply for this scholarship, students must have completed 12 hours at TSU. Recipients must be full-time students and have a 2.40 GPA for the leadership, need-based and field experience options. Recipients must be full-time students and have a 3.0 GPA for the scholastic option. Recipients in the need-based option must show financial need but not be eligible for the PELL grant. Academic, need-based and scholastic awards are \$500 per semester. Field experience or internship awards are \$1,000 during the semester the internship or clinical teaching is conducted.

Students must have a current scholarship application on file

and specifically apply for this particular scholarship. Recipients

are eligible for the field experience semester even if they have previously been awarded a scholarship for the scholastic, leadership or need-based option(s). This scholarship can be awarded multiple

times to the same recipient but you must apply for it each semester.

You must meet this scholarship application deadline.

For more information, check with the Scholarship Department, room 123 in the Tarleton Center -254-968-9922

or: <a href="http://www.tarleton.edu/scholarships/index.html">http://www.tarleton.edu/scholarships/index.html</a>