

TMATE Certification

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Alternative Certification

The Tarleton Model for Accelerated Teacher Education (TMATE) program is an exemplary accelerated teacher certification program in Texas with a mission to encourage, engage, and empower our interns. We partner with school districts to develop Texas teachers that:

- build relationships with students, parents, community and teammates;
- provide instruction and classroom environments conducive to learning; and
- collaborate using student data to ensure all students learn.

TMATE is a year-long graduate program for highly motivated people with a bachelor's degree, who want to become certified Texas teachers. TMATE's reputation as an exemplary teacher certification program makes TMATE participants very attractive candidates for school districts seeking to hire beginning teachers.

Certification is earned through a combination of intensive course work coupled with a paid, year-long internship in a teaching position within a Texas Education Agency accredited school. There is also a clinical teaching option available for one semester with no pay or benefits. The internship/clinical teaching is jointly sponsored and supervised by Tarleton State University and the participating school district.

Through TMATE, teaching certificates may be earned in the following areas: Core EC– 6; Grades 4 – 8 Core and Content Areas; and Grades 7 – 12 Content Areas. All-level certifications are available in Physical Education, Art, and Music. A complete list can be found on the TMATE website.

Program Admission

Applicants must submit a complete TMATE application packet by the deadline. Please use a legal name on all TMATE documents. Applicants will be screened for the TMATE program using an interview, writing sample (or equivalent) and the required application components. A rubric will be used to determine if a candidate meets the admissions criteria. Tarleton's Educator Preparation Council (EPC) will determine official program acceptance. Potential students must be accepted into the College of Graduate Studies prior to admission in TMATE as TMATE courses can be applied to a master's degree.

If applicable, a program transfer form must be submitted with the TMATE application packet. The potential intern may need to contact the Texas Education Agency to ensure PACT eligibility.

Applicants can be given contingent admission pending degree conferral if they are in the last semester of their undergraduate degree.

See the current TMATE Handbook for more information. It is available at www.tarleton.edu/tmate.

TMATE Entry Requirements

TMATE applicants must present a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution along with the following:

- Overall GPA or the GPA for last 60 hours must be at least 2.75.
- The content area must match one of the certification areas TMATE offers. There are no exceptions.
- Register as a PACT (Pre-Admission Content Test) candidate to secure a TEA identification number needed to take the TExES PACT exam (unless content TExES has been passed). Passing PACT scores or content area TExES scores must be included in the TMATE application packet.

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Steps to Apply to the TMATE Program

1. Apply to the College of Graduate Studies and pay the \$50 non-refundable processing fee.
 - Online Graduate Application at the following link: https://tarletonstate.force.com/grad/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=%2Fgrad%2FTargetX_Portal__PB (https://tarletonstate.force.com/grad/TX_SiteLogin/?startURL=%2Fgrad%2FTargetX_Portal__PB)
 - Provide official transcripts to the College of Graduate Studies from all institutions previously attended (excluding Tarleton).
 - Provide proof of residency (if requested).
 - Submit an essay no more than 600 words addressing professional and career goals.
 - Apply for Financial Aid (if needed).
2. Complete and submit the TMATE application packet to the TMATE Office (email and fax scans are accepted).
3. Interview with TMATE program staff and provide a writing sample or other approved writing proficiency example.

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Application Deadlines

Fall - June 15 (Priority Deadline) August 1 (Final Deadline)
 Spring - October 15 (Priority Deadline) December 1 (Final Deadline)
 Summer - February 15 (Priority Deadline) April 1 (Final Deadline)

Required Courses for Traditional TMATE Certification

EDUC 5311	Methods of Effective Teaching	3
EDUC 5314	Creating and Managing the Learning Environment	3
EDUC 5315	Content Methodology	3
EDUC 5390	Selected Topics in Education ¹	3

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EDUC 5390	Selected Topics in Education ¹	3
READ 5370	Literacy Development	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Student must enroll for two semesters.

TMATE Degree Options

Students are eligible to apply their TMATE coursework toward a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, a Master of Arts in English, and a Master of Science in Biology.

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with TMATE Certification

Required Courses

TMATE Courses		18
EDUC 5303	Foundations of Curriculum	3
EDUC 5338	Curriculum Design and Implementation	3
EDUC 5398	Techniques of Research	3
Elective		3
Total Hours		30

Master of Arts in English with TMATE Certification

Field of Study Courses

Choose 1 of the following: 3

Rhetoric and Composition:

ENGL 5330	Studies in Rhetoric
ENGL 5331	History of Rhetoric I
ENGL 5332	History of Rhetoric II
ENGL 5333	Rhetorical Criticism
ENGL 5334	Introduction to Visual Rhetoric
ENGL 5335	Seminar in Professional Writing
ENGL 5336	Grant and Proposal Writing
ENGL 5337	Intercultural Technical and Professional Writing

Choose 1 of the following: 3

British Literature:

ENGL 5340	Studies in British Literature
ENGL 5350	Studies in Literature Before 1500
ENGL 5360	Modern American and British Poetry

Choose 1 of the following: 3

American Literature:

ENGL 5310	Studies in American Literature
ENGL 5340	Studies in British Literature
ENGL 5360	Modern American and British Poetry

Choose 1 of the following: 3

Other:

ENGL 5320	Studies in the English Language
ENGL 5370	Studies in Comparative Literature

Choose an additional 3 hours from the options above 3

Other Required Courses

TMATE Courses		18
ENGL 5398	Methods of Bibliography and Research Analysis	3
or ENGL 5396	Digital Humanities	
ENGL 5380	Studies in the Teaching of Composition	3
Total Hours		39

NOTE: If the student takes ENGL 5380 Studies in the Teaching of Composition or ENGL 5398 Methods of Bibliography and Research Analysis during TMATE, the course can replace EDUC 5315 Content Methodology. Work closely with Dr. Estes, TMATE Director, if you are planning to pursue this degree option.

Master of Science in Biology with TMATE Certification

Required Courses

TMATE Courses		18
Additional BIOL Coursework:		21
BIOL 5302	Ecological Plant Physiology	
BIOL 5320	Environmental and Restoration Biology	
BIOL 5330	Development of Modern Biological Concepts	
BIOL 5331	Conservation Biology	
BIOL 5361	Evolutionary Biology	
BIOL 5398	Research Design and Analysis	
BIOL 5185	Seminar	
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Contact Information

A full description of the TMATE program is provided on the website, www.tarleton.edu/tmate (<https://tarleton.edu/tmate/>).

Applicants may also contact the TMATE office:

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