Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Field-Based (Undergraduate) Program  
Steps to Gaining 4-8 Teacher Certification – Educational Aide

Application due no later than November 10, 2015

Step 1: Field Experience (Internship) Pre-Requisites – Prior to Internship

Meet the following Application Pre-Requisites

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<th>Overall GPA of 2.50; Catalog Year 14-15 requires Overall GPA of 2.75</th>
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<td>“C” or above in ELED 300 (requires 30 hours of Observation and Observation Reflection)</td>
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**Basic Skills Requirements** for Reading, Math and Writing –

- Reading (THEA, ACT or SAT only)
- Math (THEA, SAT, ACT or “C” in College Math)
- Writing (THEA, SAT, ACT or “C” in English 101 or 102)

GPA of 2.75 in Supplemental Areas, i.e. Sped and Bilingual

Grades of “C” or above in Supplemental Areas i.e. Sped and Bilingual

Completed with grade of “C” or above in following courses:

- Psy 310
- Rdg 380
- MLED 314

**Specialization / Teaching Field Courses**

- Complete Specialization Courses with grade of “C” or above
  May lack only two specialization courses

Grade of “C” or above in public speaking (Speech) course

Completed with a grade of “C” of above in the following courses

- Math 350
- Sped 346

Competed with a grade of “C” or above 4-8 Major / Interdisciplinary courses with a 2.50 GPA; Catalog Year 14-15 requires Overall GPA of 2.75
Step 2: Application for Substitution for Experience (if applicable)

You may be eligible to have your second semester (residency) waived. You must have two (2) full years of verifiable experience in the content area / level you are pursuing certification, in order to be considered for a waiver.

You may access the application for Substitution for Experience at the following link:

http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/educationHumanServices/educatorCertificationAcademicServices/fieldBasedUndergraduateProgram/educational-aide-program/default.aspx

*The application for Substitution for Experience is due no later than November 10, 2015.*

Step 3: Field Experience (Internship) Semester –

You must enroll in the following coursework (refer to your Degree Audit):

- ELED 422
- EDCI 414

List any other courses you plan to complete during the Field-Experience (Internship) Semester:

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Step 4: Practicum (Residency) Pre-Requisites

- Maintain Application requirements, i.e. GPA of 2.50 and minimum grade of “C”; Catalog Year 14-15 requires Overall GPA of 2.75 (see above #1);
- Maintain Field Experience (Internship) Requirements, i.e. GPA of 2.50 and minimum grade of “C”; Catalog Year 14-15 requires Overall GPA of 2.75 (see above #2);
- Successful completion of Field Experience (Internship), i.e. GPA of 2.50 and minimum grade of “C” in all course; Catalog Year 14-15 requires Overall GPA of 2.75
- Make at least one attempt to successfully complete the Content TExES Exam - $120 Test Fee
Step 5: Practicum (Residency) Semester –
You must enroll in the following coursework (refer to your Degree Audit):

- EC-6 (Generalist, Bilingual, ESL, and Sped)
  - ELED 422
  - EDCI 415

List any other courses you plan to complete during the Practicum (Residency) Semester:

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Step 6: Final Requirements

- Maintain requirements of Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Conferred Bachelor’s Degree in the area seeking teacher certification
- Successful completion of all required TExES exams
- Apply for State Standard Teaching Certificate - $77 State processing fee
- Apply for Fingerprinting - $42 State processing fee