REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAMS LEADING TO POST-BACCALAUREATE
TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Graduate Level Initial Teaching Certification Program

The Initial Teaching Certification Program is a three-semester program (minimum) that is integrated as the initial portion of the Master of Science degree in Elementary Education or the Master of Science degree in Secondary Education. Students with an undergraduate degree seeking an initial teaching certification must meet University admissions requirements as outlined in the Graduate Admissions section of this catalog. Furthermore, students must be accepted by the COE Program Areas providing the M.S. in Elementary Education or M.S. in Secondary Education. Undergraduate-level courses and graduate-level courses may be required on the initial teacher certification plan; however, only those courses with graduate-level designations may apply toward the master’s degree.

Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) Requirement [formerly TASP]

All sections of the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) test must be passed prior to enrolling in EDCI 5305 or EDCI 5306. The passing scores are: 250 on the Reading section, 230 on the Mathematics section, and 240 on the Writing section. Exemptions may be granted for those with a score of 26 or higher on the ACT, a score of 1180 or higher on the SAT, or a score of 1100 or higher on the GRE. Students who hold a master’s degree are exempt from taking the THEA. For clarification, please contact the Certification Office in the COE.

In addition to the requirements listed, students must meet the requirements set by the specific certification content fields. See the appropriate sections of the undergraduate catalog for the individual teaching fields (e.g., Mathematics, English, History) for these requirements.