



Office of Teacher Preparation Advising and PACE

Admission to and Retention in the Educator Preparation Program (EPP)

The state of Texas establishes standards for teacher education programs. All certification programs at West Texas A&M University are in compliance with these requirements. Students must meet state, University, college and department/program requirements for acceptance into the Educator Preparation Program. Students are responsible for contacting the Office of Teacher Preparation and Advising (Old Main, Room 415) to obtain information about specific requirements in major and program areas.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI) complete.

1. For admission, an overall grade point average of 2.75 on all course work attempted or a 2.75 on the last 60 hours attempted (transcripts from all entities attended).
2. For retention, a 2.75 GPA with no grade lower than a C in each area: teaching field, content, and professional education course work
3. If a student fails to maintain retention requirements, the student will be placed on probationary status in the program. If the deficiency is not corrected by the end of the probationary semester, the student will be removed from the program. Students on probationary status may not enroll in further professional education course work. If removed from the program, the student must apply for re-admission through the Department of Education Appeals Committee.
4. Enrollment in professional methods requires full admission to EPP.

NOTE: Under some circumstances, a student may be withdrawn from the Educator Preparation Program. The withdrawal may be initiated by the Department of Education or by the student. Due process will be observed. (See the West Texas A&M University Code of Student Life.)

5. Please **print and sign** the completed **EPP Online Application** and email, mail, or deliver the application, and required documents to the address listed below. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

All applicants must submit these items:

- Printed and signed application;
- Two passport photos (do not submit a copy of your passport; submit two current passport photos, which are available for a nominal cost at Walgreen's, Wal-Mart, or the U.S. Post Office)
- Complete applicant interview/screening questions