

1st Six Weeks Project...Becoming a Teacher

TEKS: The student is expected to explore the teaching profession.

Background Information

Becoming a teacher requires at least a bachelor's degree, usually related to the field in which you plan to teach. Beyond that, however, requirements for becoming a teacher vary from state to state. In most states, some form of advanced training is also needed. If you are seriously considering teaching as a career, it is important to find out exactly what you need in order to become a teacher in the state in which you want to work.

Where Do You Want To Teach

1. If you are interested in teaching in TEXAS visit: <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/>
2. If you are interested in teaching in a state other than TEXAS than visit the following web site: <http://certificationmap.com/>

Answer the following questions

1. What are the basic requirements for becoming a teacher in Texas?
 - a. Complete a bachelor's degree and any other prerequisite coursework required
 - b. Complete a state-approved teacher preparation program
 - c. Pass required certification exams
 - d. Submit a Texas teaching credential application
 - e. Complete fingerprinting
2. How do you choose the teacher training program that is best for you?
 - a. Start by choosing a specialization or grade level and verify that your institution is accredited to become certified as a teacher
3. I already have a standard Texas teaching certification and I want to add additional certification.
 - a. You complete the appropriate examination by registering for the test through the appropriate testing company.
4. If I am certified in another state or country, how do I become certified in Texas?
 - a. Create an online account
 - b. Complete an application
 - c. Submit official transcripts from all colleges
 - d. Submit copies of all certificates
 - e. Submit proof of oral language proficiency if your degree was earned outside of the United States
 - f. Complete the required exams and out of state chart for certification and the requirements
5. What resources are available to help me pay for a teacher-training program?
 - a. There are many programs that offer financial support such as Teach for America, Troops to Teachers, Teacher Loan Forgiveness, and Grow-Your-Own Program

6. What types of training positions are open?
 - a. There are many training positions open and that need to be filled, such as math, science, special education, bilingual, and social studies
7. Who may I contact for additional information?
 - a. The Texas Education Agency is dedicated to help teachers answer questions or the State Board for Education Certification

College or University Teacher Education Program

You are to locate information on obtaining a Teacher Certificate from the college/university you plan to attend.

1. What is the name of the college/university you plan to attend? **Abilene Christian University**
2. Do you plan on getting certified for EC (early childhood) or Secondary? **Early Childhood**
3. If EC which grade level? **Any elementary grade level**
4. Visit the website of the college/university you plan on attending, visit the **College of Education** then locate and **print the courses** you will need to take to obtain a teacher certification.
 - a. Literature for children
 - b. Elementary management and methods
 - c. Early language and literacy
 - d. teaching students with special needs
5. Give the name, address, phone, and email address of the Dean of that Department, College of Education.
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