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The Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) offers a variety of degrees and programs, both master's and doctoral, that are intended to enhance the professional development and career goals of teachers and other educators. C&I also offers post-baccalaureate initial teaching certificates (available only to those not already certified) that may be obtained at the graduate level with or without the master's degree. Before proceeding into any field of education at Texas State, the degree applicant should inquire as to certification requirements associated with or prerequisites to the degree. Those seeking initial teacher certification must keep in mind that certification requirements and graduate degree requirements may not be related and that the satisfactory completion of degree requirements may not always lead to certification. You will find more information on specific programs as well as contact information on the College of Education and C&I websites. For additional information regarding requirements for admittance to teacher certification, please visit the Office of Educator Preparation website.

Background Requirements

Students seeking either a master's degree or certification combined with a master's degree can typically begin their studies without completing background or leveling classes. An exception to this would be approximately 6-9 hours of college level math, speech communication, computer literacy, and 6 hours of English composition necessary for students seeking initial teacher certification. Additionally, students seeking initial secondary teacher certification may be required to take additional undergraduate or graduate course work in their desired teaching fields. Note: Criminal background checks are required by Texas law for all teachers, and no one convicted of a felony may be certified to teach in Texas.

Post-Baccalaureate Programs

- **Post-Baccalaureate Initial Teaching Certification** serves individuals who have earned bachelor's degrees in fields other than education and have not previously participated in a teacher preparation program. Students may earn teacher certification for elementary, middle school, secondary, bilingual, or special education by taking graduate level courses that may count toward a graduate degree.
- **Professional Certification** is also available for the reading specialist.

Admittance to the Educator Preparation Program

All degrees that lead to teaching certification require formal admittance into the Educator Preparation Program by the Office of Educator Preparation Program. This acceptance includes payment to the university of a state mandated Texas Education Agency technology fee. Please see <https://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/> for current admittance requirements and procedures. Note that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires multiple background checks for progression through the Educator Preparation Programs. If you are concerned about your criminal history, you may obtain a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation from TEA. For more information, click here (https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Preparation_and_Continuing_Education/Preparation_and_Continuing_Education/).

Initial Certification Options

An individual may seek initial teacher certification as a post-baccalaureate student in several of the certification areas offered by the State of Texas. Satisfactory performance on a State Board for Educator Certification test is required for provisional or professional certificates in education. For updated information please go to the website for The Office of Educator Preparation at: <http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/>. **Note:** Criminal background checks are required by Texas law for all teachers, and no one convicted of a felony may be certified to teach in Texas.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Developmental Mathematics Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-devmath-phd/>)
- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Learning Support Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-learning-support-phd/>)
- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Literacy Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-devliteracy-phd/>)

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Developmental Mathematics Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-devmath-edd/>)
- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Learning Support Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-learning-support-edd/>)
- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Literacy Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-devliteracy-edd/>)

Master of Arts (M.A.)

- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Developmental Mathematics Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-devmath-ma/>)
- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Learning Support Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-learnsupp-ma/>)
- Major in Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (Literacy Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-education-literacy-ma/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-ma/>)

- Major in Elementary Education (Early Childhood Education Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-earlychildhood-ma/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Creativity, Talent, and Transformation) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-talentdev-ma/>)
- Major in Elementary Education Bilingual/Bicultural (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-bilingual-bicultural-ma/>)
- Major in Secondary Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-education-ma/>)
- Major in Secondary Education (Creativity, Talent, and Transformation) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-education-talent-development-ma/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teacher Certification in Science, Grades Four through Eight) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-4-8science-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teacher Certification in Social Studies, Grades Four through Eight) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-4-8socialstudies-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teacher Fellows) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-teacherfellows-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education Bilingual/Bicultural (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-bilingual-bicultural-med/>)
- Major in Reading Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/reading-education-med/>)
- Major in Reading Education (Reading Specialist Concentration, Early Childhood Through Grade Twelve Professional Certification) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/reading-education-reading-specialist-early-childhood-med/>)
- Major in Secondary Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-education-med/>)
- Major in Secondary Education (Education Technology Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-education-edtech-med/>)
- Major in Secondary Education (Creativity, Talent, and Transformation) - via Distance Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-education-talentdev-med/>)
- Major in Secondary Education (Teacher Recruitment Program) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-education-trp-med/>)
- Major in Secondary Education (Teaching Advanced Academics Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-education-teachingdualcredit-med/>)
- Major in Secondary Education (Teaching Certification CMED Concentration) -via Distance Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-education-teachingcert-med/>)
- Major in Special Education (Autism/Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/special-education-autism-med/>)
- Major in Special Education (Behavioral Disorders/Positive Behavior Supports Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/special-education-behavioral-med/>)
- Major in Special Education (Learning Disabilities/Inclusion Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/special-education-learningdisabilitiesinclusion-med/>)
- Major in Special Education (Learning and Behavioral Disabilities Concentration) - Accelerated Online Program (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/special-education-learning-behavioral-disabilities-med/>)

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

- Major in Educational Technology (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/educational-technology-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Early Childhood Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-earlychildhood-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Early Childhood through Grade Six Generalist Bilingual Certification Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-ec-6genbilingualmed/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Early Childhood through Grade Six Generalist ESL Certification Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-ec-6genesl-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teaching and Transforming Advanced and Gifted Education Concertation) -Accelerated Online Program (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-talentdev-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teacher Certification in Core Subjects, Grades Four through Eight) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-4-8gen-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teacher Certification in Early Childhood through Grade Six ESL) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-ec-6teacherrecruitment-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teacher Certification in English Language Arts and Reading, Grades Four through Eight) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-4-8elareading-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teacher Certification in English Language Arts/Reading/Social Studies, Grades Four through Eight) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-4-8elareadingsocialstudies-med/>)
- Major in Elementary Education (Teacher Certification in Mathematics, Grades Four through Eight) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-4-8math-med/>)

- Major in Special Education (Teacher Certification CASE Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/special-education-teacher-cert-med/>)

Minors

- Creativity Studies in Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/creativity-studies-minor/>)
- Developmental Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/developmental-minor/>)
- Elementary Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-minor/>)
- Elementary Education Bilingual/Bicultural (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-bilingual-bicultural-minor/>)
- Gifted & Talented Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/gifted-talented-minor/>)
- Methods & Materials (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/methods-materials-minor/>)
- Reading Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/reading-minor/>)
- Secondary Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/secondary-minor/>)
- Special Education (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/special-minor/>)

Certificates

- Autism (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/autism-certificate/>)
- Behavioral Disorders/Positive Behavioral Support (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/behavioral-disorders-positive-support-certificate/>)
- Learning Disabilities/Inclusion (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction/learning-disabilities-inclusion-certificate/>)