

**SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE  
CONTINUING, PROFESSIONAL & WORKFORCE EDUCATION**

*Alternative Teacher Certification Program (ATCP)  
“Our Teachers Transform the Future”*

**- Approved & Accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) &  
State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC)**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
(Revised 3/22/16)

**A. General Admission Requirements**

- a. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.
- b. Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or 2.75 on the last 60 semester hours.
- c. Basic Skills (Reading, Writing, and Math) will be evaluated; if necessary, participant may have to take an assessment such as the THEA or Accuplacer.
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ THEA scores
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Accuplacer scores
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ TSI exemption
- d. Minimum score of 26 on the oral section of the TOEFL-iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test) for students graduating from a university with a language of instruction other than English.
  - i. Note: need to take all sections of the TOEFL-iBT
  - ii. Visit [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org) for details on the TEOFL-iBT
- e. Applicant cannot have taught in Texas for three or more years on a permit and/or certificate.
- f. Completed STC application with official transcripts.
- g. Interview evaluated with rubric to determine the applications appropriateness for the certification sought.
- h. Satisfactory score (53 or higher) on the Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Test

**B. Certification Areas offered**

EC = Early Childhood

- a. Core (Grades EC-6)
- b. Core (Grades 4-8)
- c. Bilingual Education Supplemental

**C. Requirements for Area of Certification**

- a. **Core EC-6:** 2.5 GPA in 24 semester hours in a combination of core subjects including 6 hours each in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- b. **Core 4-8:** 2.5 GPA in 36 semester hours in a combination of core subjects including 6 hours each in English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.
- c. **Generalist EC-6 with Bilingual Supplemental:** Minimum of 6 semester hours of Spanish or degree from a university where the language of instruction is Spanish.

**D. Program Design-** We accept students either by entering in a content area or by PACT testing; call 956-872-3584 for details)

- a. Non-PACT candidates enrolled in Bilingual Core EC-6
- b. Non-PACT candidates enrolled in Core 4-8

c. PACT candidates enrolled in either Bilingual Core EC-6 or Core 4-8

**E. Program Costs**

a. Fees paid to South Texas College

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| a)  | Nonrefundable processing fee   | \$50           |
| b)  | Pre-assignment preparation fee   | \$600          |
|     | i. Includes Classroom Management, Content Preparation, and PPR preparation.                        |                |
| c)  | Additional/or Repeat courses   | \$206.25       |
| d)  | Internship fee   | \$3,000/year   |
| e)  | Mentor Stipend   | \$250/semester |
| ii. | <u>Extension processing fee (Maximum Probationary Certificate allowed by the state is 3 years)</u> |                |
|     | (i) Field Supervision fee per semester   | \$500          |
|     | (ii) Mentor fee per semester   | \$250          |

b. Fees paid to State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and Educational Testing Service (ETS), or L1-ID

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| i.   | (ETS) Content TExES                                      | \$120    |
| ii.  | (ETS) PPR TExES  | \$120    |
| iii. | (ETS) BTLPT (Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test) | \$120.00 |
| iv.  | (SBEC) Fingerprinting                                    | \$42.25  |
| v.   | (SBEC) Probationary certificate per year                 | \$52     |
| vi.  | (SBEC) Standard certificate                              | \$77     |
| vii. | Fees paid to L1-ID fingerprinting services               | \$9.95   |

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\*Note: Costs are subject to change

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**F. VISION:** to be the preferred provider of caring and effective teachers for school districts in Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

**G. MISSION:** To empower teacher candidates with knowledge, skills, ethics and a caring spirit for achieving student success and certification.

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