

**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 for details on the TOEFL-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

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

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

*Note: Costs are subject to change

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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