TExES Testing Sequencing and Policy

All students pursuing degree programs leading to initial teacher or professional certification are required to demonstrate certification test readiness before approval will be granted to sit for any state examination. Practice Exams and test resources are available through the TExES Prep Center. More information on test preparation resources, practice tests, exam fees, and the full testing policy may be accessed via the TExES Prep webpage.

Undergraduate Initial Certification Courses

EDUC 3003/3482 *ECE 3223/4203	EDUC 4113/4243	Clinical Teaching/Residency
• Get familiar with certification-area testing requirements • Start building a testing timeline • Begin prepping/registering for content exam and STR (293), if applicable	• Prepare for and register for PPR and any supplemental exams	Clinical Teaching/Internship • Must pass ALL TExES exams before starting♦ • Fall start → complete by **May 1** • Spring start → complete by **October 1‡** Residency • Must pass content, STR (if applicable), and supplemental exams before Residency I • Houston GYO: **April 1** (fall) / **November 1** (spring) • Tomball & Aldine GYO: **June 1** (fall) / **November 1** (spring)

Candidates seeking EC-3 only, take ECE 3223 and 4203 **instead of EDUC 3003/3482*

‡ During Fall 2026, the certification exam deadline remains November 1. Beginning Fall 2027, the deadline will be moved to October 1.

♦The exam must be completed (test taken) by the deadline date. Official scores may take 3–5 business days to post after testing.

Graduate (MAT, Post-Bacc, M.S. Deaf & Hard of Hearing, M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education) Initial Certification

Semester I	Semesters II & III	Clinical Teaching and Internship
• Prepare for and take content practice and certification exams	• Prepare for and take PPR (160) and STR (293), if applicable • PBITC students take both exams in Semester II	• Must pass **ALL** TExES exams before starting♦ • Fall start → complete exam by **May 1** • Spring start → complete exam by **October 1‡**

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General Exam Policy

Item	Detail
Practice exam requirement	Must pass a practice exam before attempting official state exam
Practice exam	Submit currently dated practice test results from either 240 Tutoring or Mometrix with a score of 80% or higher to keshelman@twu.edu
Approval	Required before registering for any official state exam
If exam not passed	Success Plan (further study) required
Core Subjects exam (EC-3/EC-6/4-8)	5 hours, domains individually timed; must pass each domain before approval for official exam
Official exam cost	$116–$136 per exam (via Pearson)
STR (293) requirement	Required for EC-6, 4-8 Core Subjects, 4-8 ELAR, and EC-3 certification

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Limit reached on practice exams	Contact an Office of Educator Preparation Services advisor