Information regarding Advising, Application, and Certification, for

SPRING 2015
STUDENT TEACHERS
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http://tlac.tamu.edu/student-services/undergraduate-advising
• TLAC advising appointments available through Sept 26
• Students will be seen: 8:15 am - 4:15 pm Monday - Thursday
  Walk-ins on Friday
• Suite 115 Heaton Hall
• Call 845-5312 to make an appointment
Coursework

• All course work needs be completed prior to student teaching.

• No classes may be taken during student teaching – no exceptions to this rule.
LOCAL PLACEMENT - Section 500
DISTANCE PLACEMENT - Section 550

TLAC:

- TEFB 426 (EC-6)
- MEFB 497 (MG)
- MEFB 497 or TEFB 429 (aggieTEACH & University Studies)
- TEED 425 (12 hr.)

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If the “Exceptions for Verification of Enrollment” does not meet your requirements, and you need to be enrolled in 12 hours, register for:

LOCAL - TEED 425, Section 500

DISTANT - TEED 425, Section 550

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TLAC Student Teaching Placement Options

Local

- TAMU provides university supervisor and placement

- Starting Fall 2012, TLAC places local student teachers in outlying districts within 35 miles of the TAMU campus first. This guarantees student teachers will have a sustained experience working with diverse groups of students, which will in turn increase their marketability.

http://tlac.tamu.edu/teacher-certification/field-experiences
Local

A minimum of 3 students will be placed in each outlying district, to increase opportunities for carpooling. The following school districts are within a 35-mile radius of the TAMU campus:

- Anderson-Shiro
- Caldwell
- Calvert
- Franklin
- Hearne
- Iola
- Mumford
- Navasota
- North Zulch
- Somerville
- Snook

*Bryan ISD & College Station ISD are considered once all outlying placements have been filled.*
Distance

- Districts around state of Texas with established TAMU agreement
- Districts are listed on application and are subject to change at any time
- Districts decide placement based on ST application and needs of district
- University supervisor hired and trained by TAMU

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If you are interested in student teaching at a district that is not on the application and is more than 35 miles from any current partnering district, you must stay after to discuss and receive the Spring 2015 TLAC Student Teaching District Request form.
Your Student Teaching Placement may default to LOCAL if:

- you do not attend mandatory advising
- you do not submit requested information by due dates (i.e. application, criminal history, etc.)
- your SM Instructor has concerns
Email: must be tamu.edu or neo.tamu.edu account

Program Information: Secondary must include certification area in space provided

- Current: Secondary Education
  If this is incorrect, please select the appropriate certification area(s) below.
  Note: Actual certification is dependent upon the successful completion of required course work, student teaching program, and state certification exams. This information is for planning purposes only.

- If “Secondary Education”, please specify your program and certification. (aggieTEACH, Post Baccalaureate, Accelerate Online, STEM Minor) (Math, ELA, Science Comp, History, etc.)

- Expected Graduation: make sure you enter appropriate semester & year
Application Notes

- Zip code for ST semester: based on district preference – will help districts place ST at schools in close proximity
- Special considerations: other information to consider in placement
- Two questions: Be sure to “Revise and Edit” answers
- PRINT the confirmation page after submitting your application
- **Realize if this information is not correct, your application will not be included in the download and therefore will be considered late.**
Frequently Asked Questions

• May I go in and change my application once I have submitted it?
  
  YES ~ but only until noon on Friday, October 3.

  Make sure you PRINT the confirmation page and verify that changes were made.

• May I request a specific school/teacher?
  You may include requests in the special considerations section, but there is no guarantee that it will be granted. Student teachers may not be placed on a campus with an immediate relative.
When is the first day of student teaching?

Student teachers begin the first official district school day (with students) after the break. Student teachers follow the school district calendar, not TAMU.

Most public school students return on or close to January 5, 2015.

Can I have another job while student teaching?

Student teaching is considered a full-time job so employment is discouraged. If necessary, working must be limited to no more than 10-12 hours per week, preferably on weekends.
http://tlac.tamu.edu/tlac-student-teaching-application

Due by noon on Friday, October 3
Student Teaching Orientation

Friday, November 14
MSC 2406 – 11 a.m.

Attendance is required to be cleared for student teaching.

Placement information will be provided pending details received from districts.

Must complete new criminal history form and have liability insurance for student teaching semester.

http://tlac.tamu.edu/teacher-certification/field-experiences
Important Dates

- Student Teaching Applications due
  
  **Friday, October 3 by noon**

- Mandatory Student Teaching Meeting
  
  **Friday, November 14 at 11 a.m.**

- Deadline to complete exams
  
  **Monday, December 1**

http://tlac.tamu.edu/teacher-certification/field-experiences
Important Web Links

✓ Student Teaching Website:
   http://tlac.tamu.edu/teacher-certification/field-experiences

✓ Student Teaching Application:
   http://tlac.tamu.edu/tlac-student-teaching-application

✓ Certification Information:
   https://mycehd.tamu.edu/certification
Monday, November 10
The Brazos Expo Center

Great opportunity to learn more about the districts recruiting Aggie teachers

Information and Registration:
http://educationcareerfair.tamu.edu/participant-information
Career Fair Hosts Scholarship Opportunity – TLAC Student Teachers (EC-6, 4-8 Math/Sci, 4-8 Eng/SS)

*Career Fair Host Applications due by noon on Friday, October 3*

Must be available:

- Mon or Wed: **Oct 27 or 29** 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Week of: **Nov 3** 1-2 hour block
- Monday: **Nov 10** 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Indicate your interest on the top of your Spring 2015 – Student Teacher Applicant Information form. The Career Fair Host Application link will be emailed.*
Questions?

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Secondary Internship Opportunity

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* BREIFING TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING – ROOM 2405 MSC *

http://tlac.tamu.edu/teacher-certification/accelerate-online-program
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The College of Education has approved a policy whereby all students completing their last semester of coursework prior to student teaching MUST attempt their content exams during this semester in order to be admitted to student teaching. If you do not attempt your content exam(s), you will not be admitted to student teaching. If you attempt your content exam(s), and do not successfully complete an exam, this will NOT prevent you from being admitted to student teaching. During your student teaching semester, you will be required to attempt your Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) examination.
How do I register for my Content Exams?

• Go to mycehd.tamu.edu

• Click on Academic Services → Certification

• Under Certification, click on Methods Block Students
How do I register for my Content Exams?

1. Create a **TEAL** account and apply for access to the ECOS for Educators application
   - Name submitted to TEAL must match the name listed on your State-issued ID
   - Students must use their neo.tamu.edu email address
   - Social Security number must be correct
2. After obtaining a TEA ID, complete the **Content Exam Information Form**

- The following information must match what is listed in your TEAL account:
  - Name
  - Social Security number
  - neo.tamu.edu email address

- Within 48 hours of submission, the Certification Office will upload exam approval(s) to TEA
How do I register for my Content Exams?

3. Create an **ETS User Account** on the ETS website (testing website)

4. **Register** for approved content TExES exam(s)

*** Deadline to complete exams – Monday, Dec. 1***
You will only receive approval for content exams coinciding with your degree program.

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What dates are available for me to test?

- You can visit the ETS website, [http://texas.ets.org/testdates/](http://texas.ets.org/testdates/), to find more information regarding test dates.

- Computer-Administered Tests (CAT) are available on a continuous basis throughout the week.

- Some exams are available as Limited-Administration CAT exams (Math/Science 4-8, ELAR/Social Studies 4-8, BTLPT, etc.), which are only available during scheduled testing windows.

- You can view how your specific exam is administered by going to the Test Dates website and clicking on the “Texas Educator Certification Program Tests” link.
General Information

• Test Fee - $120/test

• 45-day wait window

• Multiple testing sites available

• Score Reporting
  – Score reports can be viewed on both ETS and TEA Educator Profiles
Test Center Policies

- Test takers must bring valid and acceptable ID documents to be admitted to the test. ID requirements and test center procedures/regulations are available in the Registration Bulletin.

- Test takers are advised to request and receive verification that name changes have been processed prior to test registration. If names on ID documents, admission tickets and the test center roster do not match, test takers may not be able to test.

- Test takers are not allowed to bring cell phones, smartphones (e.g., Android™, BlackBerry®, iPhone®), tablets, PDAs and other electronic, listening, recording, scanning or photographic devices into the test center.
  
  Anyone found to be in possession of any of these devices inside the test center before, during or after the test administration will be dismissed, their test fees will be forfeited and their scores will be canceled.
Exam Preparation Resources

- **Links on Methods Block Students webpage**
  - **Tests at a Glance** - This new test preparation resource gives you a quick overview of the test and includes:
    - Test name
    - Test code
    - Length of test
    - Number and types of questions
    - Format (CAT, PBT or both)
    - Domains and approximate percentage of the test
    - Domains and competencies
  - Free **Test Preparation Materials** on ETS website
  - **T-CERT website** – provides free exam preparation materials from content specialists for TExES exams
  - **PACT website** – provides free exam preparation materials, along with New Math 4-8 Training

- **Registration Bulletin** available on Methods FAQ website
The U.S. Department of Education recently issued a “reinterpretation” of the “highly qualified” provisions for certain elementary teachers (defined in Texas as EC-6 teachers new to the profession after 2009-2010) that requires those holding subject-specific certification, or Special Education EC-12 certification, to take and pass an additional Generalist certification exam in order to be “highly qualified”. Affected teachers include those holding certification in Math/Science 4-8, ELAR/Social Studies 4-8, ELAR 4-8 and Special Education EC-12. According to TEA, passing the TExES Generalist EC-6 will meet this requirement.

Although we have received special permission to give you approval for the Generalist EC-6 exam, we are unable to recommend you for the Generalist EC-6 certificate at the same time that you receive your Middle Grades certificate(s). This is not allowed because the EC-6 content is not covered by your Middle Grades degree program.
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www.facebook.com/AggieTeacherCertOffice

A copy of the Methods Info Presentation can be accessed here:
http://methodsstudentinfo.penio/
The Student Teaching Office will contact the district administrator to inquire about a student teaching partnership.

Once the agreement is received, the Student Teaching Office will contact the potential university supervisor.
  - Supervisors must have at least 3 years of classroom teaching experience with a Masters Degree and experience in mentoring new teachers.
  - A TEA qualified university supervisor must be hired by Wednesday, Oct 1.

Your student teaching application should reflect your alternate plan (local or currently partnering district).
You must stop by the Student Teaching Office in 102A/B Heaton Hall to submit the Spring 2015 TLAC Student Teaching District Request form and discuss your request.

- **Monday, Sept 15 from 1 - 2**
- **Wednesday, Sept 17 from 10 - 11**

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