

BUFF **START**

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Stampede Track for Accelerated Readiness for Teaching

Be highly
recommended
by campus or
district
administrator.

Hold an
Educational
Aide
certificate.

Have a 2.75
GPA or higher

Be Core
Curriculum
complete = 60
semester
credit hours

Key Benefits of BUFF START

Candidates may earn a
B.S. Ed. degree and
certification from an
accredited Texas
university in as few as
14 months.

Paraprofessionals with
instructional
responsibilities can use
the experience to
complete their clinical
teaching requirements.

Candidates will be eligible
to earn a Texas Educator
certificate while finishing
the program - no need for
additional Alternative
Certification costs.



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- All transcript hours with a “C” or better from an accredited College or University can be transferred into the program.
- Of the required 120 semester credit hours, 84 can be completed through other institutions. WTAMU graduates must take the last 36 advanced hours through WTAMU.
- Completion of District Professional Development may be incorporated into some required assignments in the 12 hours of accelerated Education on Demand (EOD) coursework.
- Paraprofessionals instructional responsibilities can be counted as clinical teaching in Texas. TEA requires 490 hours of supervised experiences for a minimum of 28 weeks.
- The school district has the flexibility to fund all costs to candidates through the “WTAMU Sponsored Billing” process.
- Financial aid may be available to candidates through FAFSA/Pell Grants as well as WTAMU university and department scholarships.
- Time of completion for B.S. Ed. Degree from WTAMU and Texas Teacher Certification can be accomplished in as few as 14 months depending on the certification area.

These five programs are
offered 100% online.

EC-6

ELAR 4-8

Special
Education
(EC-12)

ELAR/Social
Studies
(4-8)

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Program Framework

- Accelerated Education on Demand - 12 hours
- Summer Session 1 - 6 hours
- Summer Session 2 - 6 hours
- Fall Semester - 12 hours (w/ 3 hrs Clinical Teaching)
- Spring Semester - 12 hours (w/ 3 hrs Clinical Teaching)
- Summer Semester 1 - 6 hours



50%
tuition