

BUFF **START**

Stampede Tracker for Accelerated Readiness for Teaching

Basic Program Requirements:

- Have you received a recommendation from your school district administration?
- Have you served as a paraprofessional in your current school district for a minimum of four months?
- Do you hold a current Educational Aide Certificate [TAC §230.51]?
- Do you spend at least four hours (240 min.) of instruction per workday in the content area you wish to certify?
- Have you earned approximately 45-60 hours of college credit?
- Is your college GPA 2.75 or higher?
- Are you able to balance both work, school, and personal obligations while completing the program?

Application Process in Order as Stated:

- 1. School District Administrator submits the Buff START Program Recommendations Form.
- 2. Buff START candidate send transcripts of all college credits to the WTAMU Education Academic Advisor for the Buff START program for review.
- 3. Buff START candidate meets with WTAMU Education Academic Advisor for the Buff START program.
- 4. Complete the undergraduate WTAMU Admissions Application.
- 5. Upon acceptance into the Buff START program and West Texas A&M University, complete the application for entrance into the Educator Preparation Program (EPP).
- 6. Set an appointment with Buff START Advisor to begin scheduling course work after completing a minimum of 45 semester hours.