

# BUFF START

**Stampede Track for Accelerated Readiness for Teaching**

Be highly recommended by campus or district administrator.

Hold an Educational Aide certificate and progress to a level III.

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.



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



Some instructional duties may be used to fulfill clinical teacher requirements.



Authentic opportunities to practice teaching under the supervision of one or more cooperating teachers.



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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.

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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