

# **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.
- Paraprofessional's 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 student's prior coursework and 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