



BUFF START

Stamped **E** Track for **A**ccelerated **R**eadiness for **T**eaching

Be highly recommended by campus or district administrator.

Hold an Educational Aide certificate.

Have a 2.75 GPA or higher

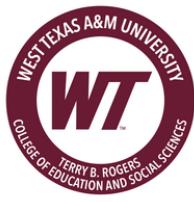
Be Core Curriculum complete = 60 semester credit hours

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



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