Terry B. Rogers College of Education and Social Sciences
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

BUFF START

Stampede Tracker for Accelerated Readiness for Teaching

Basic Program Requirements:

- [ ] Have you received a recommendation from your School Principal?
- [ ] 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 overall 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 Principal submits the Buff START Program Recommendations Form to ppollart@wtamu.edu
- [ ] 2. Complete the undergraduate WTAMU Admissions Application and uploads all transcripts of all college credit. Apply at https://www.wtamu.edu/admissions/index.html Admissions phone #806-651-2020
- [ ] 3. Schedule a time to meet with academic advisor to evaluate your transcripts and to determine that you qualify with 45 semester hours and 2.75 overall GPA or higher. Contact ppollart@wtamu.edu
- [ ] 4. Upon acceptance into the Buff START program and West Texas A&M University, complete the application for entrance into the Educator Preparation Program (EPP)
- [ ] 5. Set an appointment with Buff START Coordinator (ppollart@wtamu.edu) to begin scheduling course work.
- [ ] 6. Submit your Educational Aid Certification to Buff START Coordinator. ppollart@wtamu.edu