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

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.
- 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)
- Social Studies (4-8)

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