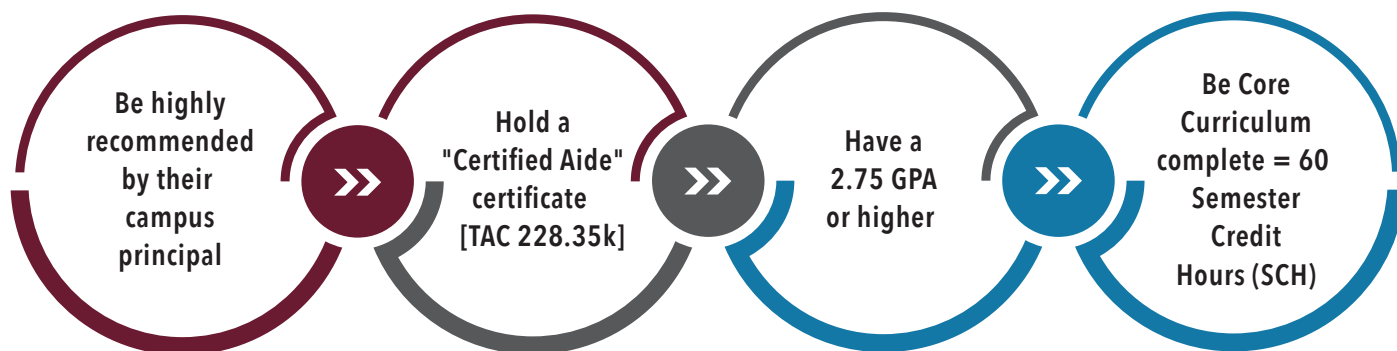


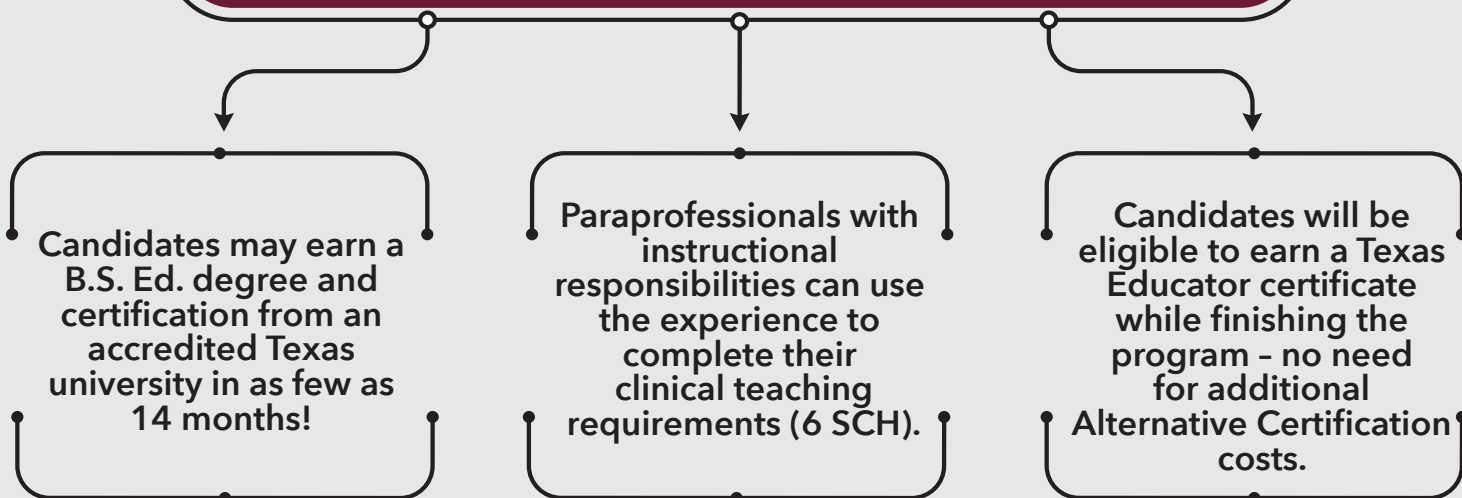
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Stampede Track for Accelerated Readiness for Teaching

THE "IDEAL" BUFF-START STUDENT



Key Benefits of Buff Start



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WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (WTAMU)

- All transcript hours with a "C" or better from an accredited College or University can transfer with no age limitations.
- 84 out of 120 credit hours can come from outside WTAMU. WTAMU graduates must take their last 36 of advanced hours through WTAMU.
- WTAMU will try to incorporate district PD expectations as part of the required assignments in the 9 credit hours earned through WTAMU's Education on Demand (EOD) self-paced courses.
- Paraprofessionals work responsibilities can be counted as clinical teaching experience in Texas [TAC 228.35]. 490 hours through a minimum of 28 weeks. No need for the additional cost and time of an Alternative Certification.
- District has the flexibility to fund all costs to candidates through the "WTAMU Sponsored Billing" process.
- Around \$18,500 for 60 hours. (Financial aid may be available to candidates through the FAFSA/PELL Grants, and opportunities to be awarded WTAMU university/department scholarships).
- Time to completion for B.S. Ed. Degree from WTAMU and Texas Teacher Certification = 14 months (May - July of the following year).

Currently WTAMU is approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to offer the following four certification pathways 100% online

EC-6

ELAR 4-8

Special
Education
(EC-12)

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Social Studies
(4-8)

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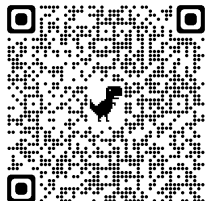
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Program Framework

- Education on Demand - 9 hours (self-paced, 12 months to finish)
- May Intercession - 3 hours
- Summer Session 1 - 6 hours
- Summer Session 2 - 6 hours
- Fall Semester - 12 hours (w/ 3hrs Clinical Teaching)
- Winter Intercession - 3 hours
- Spring Semester - 12 hours (w/ 3hrs Clinical Teaching)
- May Intercession - 3 hours
- Summer Session 1 - 6 hours

Panhandle Alternative Certification (PACE) Program

For candidates who already have a bachelor's degree or ≥ 60 hours of coursework, the WTAMU PACE program is available if needed.