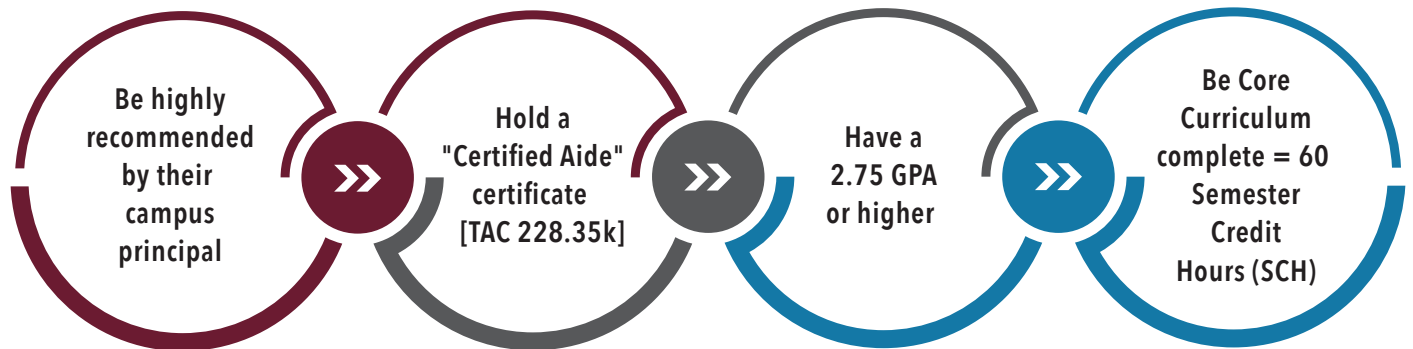


BUFF **START**

Stampede Track for Accelerated Readiness for Teaching

THE "IDEAL" BUFF-START STUDENT



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 (6 SCH).

Candidates will be eligible to earn a Texas Educator certificate while finishing the program - no need for additional Alternative Certification costs.

BUFF START

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)

ELAR/ Social Studies (4-8)

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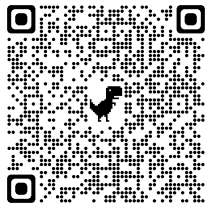
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WTAMU has a Long-standing Partnership with the Texas Panhandle

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From the PANHANDLE to the WORLD

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.