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Currently Certified Educators

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2. Will I be required to take the Science of Teaching Reading exam if I am certified out-of-state?

Certification examination requirements will be determined based on the standard certificates you have been issued in another state and the required examinations. Adopted amendments to [19 TAC Chapter 152](#), Commissioner’s Rules Concerning Examination Requirements, 152.1001, Exceptions to Examination Requirements for Individuals Certified Outside the State, outlines the process that individuals certified outside the state must follow for consideration of an exception to the state-mandated examination requirements for certification and specifies requirements for exemption to the new Science of Teaching Reading TExES examination.

Educator Preparation Programs

1. What data is the educator preparation program required to report to TEA in Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) for Texas certified teachers who are only completing the 150 clock-hours of coursework and testing requirements?

The program is required to create an admission record for each candidate that is admitted for EC: PK –3 certification. The admission record will automatically populate the candidate’s test approval and the candidate’s enrollment information to the program’s Finisher Records List.

2. How can I verify that the admission record populated the educator preparation program’s Finisher Records List?

The program can view the candidate’s enrollment record on the Finisher Records List by using the “Maint Finishers” or “Student Search” links in the ASEP drop down menu. Page 19 of the [2020–2021 Educator Preparation Program Data Reporting Manual](#) provides information about the Finisher Records List.

General Questions

1. Where can I find a list of educator preparation programs that are approved to offer Early Childhood: Pre-kindergarten – Grade 3 certification?

The Traditional Undergraduate route requires that you earn a bachelor's degree with teacher certification.

The Post-Baccalaureate route is designed for those seeking an advanced degree (master's or doctorate) with certification.

The Alternative Certification route is designed for those who already hold a bachelor's degree (or master's degree if applicable to the certificate) and are seeking certification only.

2. Where can I find information about the Science of Teaching Reading (STR) exam?

The STR exam was mandated by the Texas legislature in the 2019 House Bill 3. There is more information about the [Science of Teaching Reading exam](#) on the TEA website.