

Alternative Teacher Certification Program

College of Education

Option B – Student Teaching in Lieu of Teacher of Record Internship

What is Option B?

It is an alternative to working as a Teacher of Record.

In order to be eligible for Option B, you must:

- have passed a TExES content exam
- have completed a minimum of 6 hours of coursework in one of the UTEP ATCP's programs of study identified on your letter of acceptance.
- have paid a non-refundable \$500 deposit, which will be applied to the \$3000 program fee.

Student teaching will involve the following:

- The campus must be accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA)
- Acceptance based on an individual screening by UTEP ATCP and final approval from campus administrator
- Student teaching without pay for 12-15 weeks and adhere to the cooperating teacher's daily work schedule

Final steps toward being recommended for your Standard Certification include:

- Successful completion of student teaching
- Passing the Pedagogy & Professional Responsibility (PPR) TExES exam
- Passing a language assessment exam if you are seeking Bilingual Education/Spanish/French/German certification.
- Payment of the remaining \$2,500 program fee
- Completion of the state-mandated 300 hours of training, which will come from ATCP courses, workshops, 30 hours of field-based experience and 6 hours of test preparation

This program is also designed to meet the new requirements just imposed on the State of Texas by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Federal Audit.

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