

Alternative Certification (ACP) EPP Process

Students seeking Texas teacher certification must first be admitted to the HBU Educator Preparation Program (EPP).

BEFORE EPP ADMISSION	
	Earn a Bachelor's degree or higher
	Submit a completed electronic Graduate admissions application
	Upload all transcripts where courses were taken for college/university credit
	Have a minimum cumulative GPA or last 60 hours GPA of 2.75 or higher on all college/university course work attempted
	Have a Content coursework with a 2.5 GPA (overall or last 60 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EC-6 or EC-12 Special Ed candidates: 1 ELA, 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies course - Math or Science candidates: 15 content hours - All other Content Areas: 12 content hours
	Demonstrate English Oral Proficiency
	Successfully pass the EPP Admission Interview
AFTER EPP ADMISSION	
	Observe all guidelines outlined in the EPP Handbook
	Complete all certification plan coursework with a 3.0 GPA and "B" or better
	Pass all Content exams and request a Letter of Employment Eligibility from the CPPE Director to allow for hire as a fulltime teacher-of-record
	For Internship eligibility , must have completed nine (9) course hours in the certification program including EDUC 6302 or EDUC 6312
	Secure a fulltime teaching position that aligns with the approved certification plan
	Be able to pass a national criminal history check as required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). A conviction or deferred adjudication may result in ineligibility for Texas issue of a educator certificate. The candidate may request a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation from TEA if there is reason to believe ineligibility may occur due to a prior conviction
	Complete CPPE and TEA processes to obtain an Intern certificate
	Complete an ACP Internship (2 semesters; contract-paid teacher-of-record)
	Pass the required the PPR exams
	Apply and pay for a Standard certificate

ACP candidates have the option to transfer to the Masters (M.Ed.) in Curriculum and Instruction with Initial Certification program. Contact the ACP Director for more information.