

## Certification Exam Readiness and Remediation Policy

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) allows teacher preparation programs to determine when a candidate in their program qualifies or has demonstrated readiness to take the TExES exams. The Education Department at Our Lady of the Lake University has established the following guidelines and qualifications for Educator Preparation Program (EPP) candidates to demonstrate their readiness. This policy also includes information about the OLLU EPP's remediation policy.

### Demonstrating Readiness Testing Options

The practice test will be online through Certify Teacher or 240 Tutoring unless otherwise indicated:

- CORE Subjects EC-6
  - 7-12/All Level
  - PPR EC-12
  - Special Education
  - Bilingual Education Supplemental
  - Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT)
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Demonstrate readiness on practice TExES test(s) with an overall score of **240 = 80%**. Tests include the **PPR** (Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities) exam, **Content Area(s)**, **Special Education Supplemental**, **Bilingual test (s)**, and **ESL exam**; the **Core EC-6** requires a score of **240** in **EACH subject area**. Elementary Candidates (EC-6) are required to score **240/80%** on the online practice test and at least **240/80%** on EACH content area (Reading 901, Math 902, Social Studies 903, Science 904, & Fine Arts/Health/PE 905) in one test-taking session. Demonstrating readiness in individual subject areas will only be allowed when there are only 1-2 individual subjects in which the candidate has not previously demonstrated readiness.
  - All baseline assessments and/or practice tests must be taken in one sitting in a secure testing environment to better simulate an official testing experience (CORE exam must be taken in the order the test is in; no exceptions.)
  - Please note that each practice TExES exam is timed (maximum 5 hrs.)
  - Teacher candidates who reside in San Antonio, Texas, must take their practice TExES exams on campus. If they reside outside the San Antonio area, the candidate must coordinate with the Certification Officer to arrange a date and time for them to complete a practice exam in a proctored environment.
  - Teacher candidates must be fully admitted into TEACH and meet the requirements above to be authorized to take any of the official certification exams.
  - Demonstrate content knowledge with a passing score on all practice content exams before Clinical Teaching.

### Testing Support Plan

A candidate who does not pass the official TExES exam the first time with a score of 240 (80%) or higher will meet with the Certification Officer to create and sign a Testing Support Plan. The candidate is required to complete **100%** of the **study plan** on Certify Teacher or 240 Tutoring and take the **practice** TExES exam again with a score of **260 or higher** to be released to take the official TExES exam.

If a candidate does not achieve a passing score on the **official TExES certification exam**, they must wait **30 days** before attempting to take the test again. The candidate will meet with the Certification Officer to make and sign a Testing Support Plan.

Testing Support Plan may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Log an additional 6-10 hours of studying and earn a passing score on a practice exam with a **minimum score of 260**.
- b. The candidate will be required to access study material for the content in which they did not pass the official TExES exam.
- c. Complete the Testing support plan provided.
- d. Retest of the Practice exam/content area.
- e. Review resource Books available through the Certification Officer
- f. Test Anxiety Sessions
- g. Content Review Sessions and/or ACE (Academic Center for Excellence) Tutoring Sessions
- h. Review of Study Guides, Web Based Programs, and Texts
- i. Pearson Interactive Practice Tests (select few) available at a cost of \$10:  
[Prepare/Interactive Practice Exams](#) – See Certification Officer for testing code.
- j. Private Tutoring outside of OLLU
- k. Region 20 Test Preparation Service

After completing all components outlined in the Testing Support Plan, the candidate will receive authorization from the Certification Officer to retest for the TExES practice exam, where they must show readiness to be permitted to take the official TExES. Once student scores have demonstrated readiness, they will receive an email with registration instructions for the official TExES certification exam.

### Accommodations for Disabilities or Health-Related needs

Teacher candidates who need accommodation for the practice TExES exams must contact the OLLU Office of Accessibility Services Office at least 30 days before the first diagnostic (practice) session to obtain official documentation. Official documentation from the Accessibility Services

Office must be provided to the advisor and the Certification Officer for accommodations to be provided. If a student applies for accommodations with TEA through Pearson, they must already receive accommodations from OLLU's Accessibility Services Office.

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