

Stephen F. Austin State University

Undergraduate Admission to the Educator Preparation Program

In order to be admitted to the Educator Preparation Program, an applicant must meet each of the criteria below. Please note that the GPA requirements and adherence to the Texas Educator Code of Ethics must be maintained throughout the program.

Applications are completed online at <https://mysfa.sfasu.edu/web/home-community/academic>

(*Admission requirements are subject to change by action of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) or by the SFA Professional Educators' Council. The most current admission requirements can be found at <http://coe.sfasu.edu/students>)

Basic Skills Scores:

1. TSI

- Reading Score: 351
- Writing Score: 363
(plus 4 on essay) (also passing in Writing if an essay of 5 or higher is earned regardless of multiple choice score)
- Math Score: 350

OR: You must meet the composite requirements in order to utilize ACT or SAT Scores

2. ACT

- Composite Score: 23
- Verbal (Read) or Math Score: 19

3. SAT

- Math Score: 530
- Reading & Writing: 480
(Evident-Based Reading/Writing score)

- ✓ Meet GPA requirements based on 1st registered semester at SFA:
 - *If 1st registered prior to Fall 2013: Must have and maintain 2.5 overall GPA or last 60 hours GPA (including transfer hours)*
 - *If 1st registered during or after Fall 2013: Must have and maintain 2.75 overall GPA or last 60 hours GPA (including transfer hours)*
- ✓ Minimum 60 credit hours completed with required GPA
(includes transfer hours and SFA hours)
- ✓ Minimum 12 credit hours completed in teaching field with required GPA
(4-8 and SED Science/Math must have 15 credit hours)
- ✓ Minimum 12 credit hours at SFA with required GPA
- ✓ Successful completion of the Educator Preparation Admissions Interview or other screening instrument
- ✓ TSI complete or basic skills scores in reading, written communication, and mathematics must be achieved from one of the following tests or a combination thereof and have been taken within the past FIVE (5) years **See right for required scores*
- ✓ Students must read and adhere to the Texas Educator Code found at http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Educators_Code_of_Ethics/
- ✓ Students must read and agree to the Professional Dispositions Statement for Educator Preparation found at <http://coe.sfasu.edu/documents/eppdispositions>
- ✓ A non-refundable fee of **\$100** will be charged to the student's mySFA student account for each EPP application submitted
- ✓ A non-refundable fee of **\$55** will be charged to the student's mySFA student account for the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) technology fee.

After admission to the EPP:

- ✓ Teacher candidates must register with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) per instructions that will be emailed from the Office of Assessment and Accountability.
- ✓ Teacher candidates will be required to successfully complete the state mandated fingerprint background check upon application with TEA for certification.