Prospective Student: ___________________________  (please print)  First Name  Middle  Last  Suffix

Program Completion

A student must successfully complete all 4 parts of the program to be recommended for Standard Certification.

1) Pass all coursework and certification exams
2) 6 hours of test preparation per exam
3) Internship or Clinical Teaching
4) In order to stay current with educational trends and pedagogy, my program completion date should be no later than _________________. Any extensions will result in additional training and fees. Failure to pay additional training fees will result in being dropped from the program.

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Tuition and fees

All tuition and fees must be paid in full prior to recommendation for Standard Certification.

- $1900 for Content
- $1200 for Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR)
- $1600 Internship / Clinical Teaching
- Textbook prices and parking permit fees vary

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Coursework

- All courses are divided into Domains
- Each Domain lasts from 2 to 6 weeks
- Fall and Spring Cohort classes will meet evenings from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. See schedule for days.
- Online work will be assigned
- Classes may be rescheduled due to inclement weather
- Fast paced curriculum
  - Required for PACT students. (PACT demonstrates knowledge of subject area while coursework prepares students to teach content.)

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Student responsibilities when enrolled in required coursework

The students must
- Complete all assignments on time / no late work will be accepted.
- Prepare course materials out of class as they are assigned by instructors.
- Make proper arrangements with the instructor when assignments/tests are missed.
- Repeat and pay (prior to the first day of class) for any Domain failed.
- Complete 50 Hours of Field Observation and Reflection
  - All Coursework will receive letter grades (A,B,C,NR)
  - Students failing any Domain will be placed on Academic Probation.

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Student responsibilities concerning contact with program personnel

The student must

- Update contact information with the Alamo Colleges Educator Preparation Program (ACEPP) staff and instructors in case of any changes (name change, address, phone numbers, or email address).
- Respond to all communication from staff and instructors within 48 hours of receiving notification. [main number: (210)486-5902.]
- Provide a letter of commitment to remain part of the program and be actively seeking employment as a teacher within a reasonable commuting distance, if a student is unable to complete certification requirements within the 3 year timeline.
- Extension requests are not exempt from tuition increases.

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Attendance and Tardy Policies

- In case of an emergency, notify the instructors of your tardiness and/or absence.
- Appeals for extenuating circumstances must be presented to the ACEPP Director, in writing, within respective semester.

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Professional Demeanor

- Communication, both written and oral, with colleagues, instructors, staff and young students, must always be respectful.
- Maintain a professional demeanor as a student in the classroom and as an observer or intern/clinical teacher at ALL times.
- Must follow the Texas Educator’s Code of Ethics. NO PHYSICAL CONTACT.

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Dismissal Procedure for Misconduct

- 1st violation merits a written warning
- 2nd violation merits probation
- 3rd violation merits dismissal
- Inappropriate contact with a student will result in immediate termination from the program

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Field Based Observation and Reflection Experience

- You will be placed by your ACEPP director at a local TEA approved Independent School District, Charter School, or Private School to complete your Field Based Experience. A Criminal Background check must be completed prior to placement.
- A minimum of 7 hours, must be completed during the first 15 days of school.
- Keep a copy for your personal records and submit original to ACEPP field supervisors.

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Testing – TSI Exemptions

- Waived for students who have a Bachelor’s Degree or higher or passed the Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT).
Testing – Practice Tests
  o There is one practice test for each TExES exam - PPR is 3 hours & Content is 5 hours.
  o At least three (3) hours of test preparation / practice tests must be completed to qualify for approval to register for the TExES exam(s). The Online practice exam certificate/results must be emailed to our EPP office at pramirez43@alamo.edu
  o Students must make an appointment with the ACEPP to take practice tests. Please call (210) 486-5902 to make an appointment.

Testing - TExES Exams
  o The TExES exams are administered by the state http://cms.texas-ets.org/
  o All required TExES exams must be passed before an Intern/Clinical Teacher may be fully certified by the ACEPP.
  o It is Highly Recommended that exams be taken during or immediately following coursework.
  o The Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT) is only required for Bilingual Certification students and may be taken at any time during their first semester.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
  o The Every Student Succeeds Act became law on December 10, 2015, replacing the No Child Left Behind Act.
  o It is important to note that all state certification requirements adopted in State Board for Educator Certification rule remain in place.
  o A student in ACEPP may apply for a teaching position when he/she has passed the TExES Content exam in his/her certification area, completed 30 hours of field observation and 150 hours in coursework.
  o Students who have passed the TExES Content exam in their certification area and the PPR exam have a greater chance of securing a teaching position than students who have not passed these exams.

Refunds
  o The Alamo Colleges Educator Preparation Program (ACEPP) adheres to the Alamo Colleges District policy on all refund requests.
  o NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE
  o Refund requests require approximately (ten) 10 days at a minimum to process and will be mailed to the address provided on the registration form.
  o Refund Schedule
    o 100% Prior to the first class meeting
    o 0% After the 1st class meeting

Parking Permits
  o A Campus Access Fee of $25 per semester, which may be included when you pay your tuition and fees, gives you access to campus facilities, including open parking areas.

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Educator Preparation Program 3 Requirements Checklist
Internships
  o When a student secures a teaching position in certification area, he/she must contact the ACEPP immediately. The Texas public school system requires an Intern teacher to have an Intern or Probationary Certificate in order to teach. A Teaching Internship Eligibility (TIE) will be submitted by the ACEPP to the hiring school district so that the Intern may apply and pay for their Intern/Probationary Certificate and fingerprints.
  o When a student secures a teaching position he/she is required to attend an orientation with the ACEPP.
  o The orientation will cover the expectations and requirements of the Internship.
  o Some students may be required to pay a mentor fee to the District by which he/she is employed for the internship.

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Clinical Teaching Experience
  o Students may contact the program director to request a 14 week (65 days) non-paid clinical teaching experience in lieu of completing an internship to complete the teaching component for certification. Students must attend the mandatory clinical teaching information session to be considered for placement.
  o When a student is placed in a clinical teaching position, he/she is required to attend an orientation with the ACEPP. The orientation will cover the expectations and requirements of the Clinical Teaching Experience.
  o Some students may be required to pay a clinical teaching fee to the District in which he/she completes the clinical teaching experience.

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Final Certification
A student must successfully complete the following in order to qualify for Standard Certification:
  1) Pass all coursework associated with their certification area and pay all tuition fees.
  2) Successfully complete one school year Internship as a Teacher of Record in a TEA accredited school or 14 weeks of Clinical Teaching. The Internship/Clinical Teaching must be in the area in which the student is seeking certification.
  3) Pass all certification exams (includes test preparation).

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Miscellaneous
  o A student must disclose to ACEPP staff if he/she currently holds or has previously held any teaching permits or certificates.
  o A student must disclose to ACEPP staff if he/she has previously attended any other Educator Preparation and/or Alternative Teacher Certification Programs.
  o Background checks must be completed during the Certification Process. No tuition fees will be returned for failure to pass a background check.

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Prospective Student’s Signature: ________________________________

Please Print Full Name: ________________________________________

Date: __________________________

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Interviewer: 
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