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Master of Arts in Teaching with EC-12 and 7-12 Teacher Certification Online Graduate Program

About the Program

The Master of Arts in Teaching degree is an exciting and innovative graduate program that prepares students to teach in Texas public schools. By exploring the roles of teacher as researcher, scholar-practitioner, and educational leader, the master's program cultivates a learning community of faculty and students through dialogue and critical inquiry. This program is designed for students who have earned an undergraduate degree but are **not certified to teach**. The learning outcomes of this 36-hour graduate degree program are based on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education professional standards.

SFA's Post-Baccalaureate Initial Certification (PBIC) program includes:

- Fully online coursework*
- Certification courses offered in 8-week session (beginning in August, October, January, and March) to complete certification more quickly
- One-on-one attention from an advisor
- Small classes (15-30 students)
- A one-semester on-site student teaching experience OR a one-year paid internship (both supervised through SFASU)
- 18 graduate hours that count towards a 36-hour master's degree (Master of Arts in Teaching)
- High passing rates on the TExES exam
- Certification in an EC-12 or 7-12 content area

PBIC completers are now employed in districts around Texas, including Pasadena ISD, San Antonio ISD, Spring ISD, and many more!

*There is one face-to-face meeting required on a Saturday for students to take the mastery certification exam (in preparation for the state certification exam).

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How to Get Started

To apply for the program, the applicant must do the following:

1. Sign up and take the PACT. All-level and 7-12 students will take the TExES content test that you desire to teach. For information about the PACT, please visit: http://www.texes.ets.org.
2. Apply to Stephen F. Austin State University's Graduate School: http://www.applytexas.org/.
3. Ensure that the Graduate School has all of your undergraduate transcripts if you did not graduate from SFA.

Upon acceptance, you will receive a letter stating your eligibility for the one-year teaching internship on a Probationary Certificate. After completing the Texas Standard Teaching Certificate, you will have the option to continue coursework in your program area to complete a Master's Degree.

For more information about applying to the program, please visit: http://www.sfasu.edu/coeadvising/113.asp

Costs & Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 936-468-2403 for information.

The TEACH grant is also available. Contact your financial aid advisor for more information or visit: http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/teach.

For all loan forgiveness possibilities, please visit: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/loan.aspx.