

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 readiness to take the TExES exams for EC-6 subjects:

- 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 pass the TExES exam when there are only 1-2 individual subject areas that require remediation to demonstrate readiness.
 - All baseline assessments and/or practice tests must be taken in a quiet, proctored testing environment to better simulate the actual testing environment.
 - Please note that each practice TExES exam must be taken in the order the test is in; no exceptions.
 - Teacher candidates who reside in San Antonio must take the exam on campus. If they reside outside the state, they must contact the Certification Officer to arrange for a proctored environment.
 - Teacher candidates must be fully admitted to the program and be authorized to take any of the of the TExES exams.
 - Demonstrate content knowledge with a minimum score of 80% on the 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](#)

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