

The Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) is available at the community college for students who seek the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at UTSA leading to Texas Teacher Certification in:

- ❖ **Early Childhood - Grade 4, Generalist**
- ❖ **Early Childhood - Grade 4, Bilingual Generalist**
- ❖ **Grades 4 – 8, Bilingual Generalist**
- ❖ **Grades 4 – 8, ESL**
- ❖ **Grades 4 – 8, Language/Arts/Reading/Social Studies**
- ❖ **Grades 4 – 8, Mathematics/Science**
- ❖ **Early Childhood – 12 Special Education**

Please consult with your advisor/counselor for the appropriate A.A.T. degree plan.

In order to cover the content of science on the TExES (Texas Examinations of Educator Standards), students should choose from:

BIOL 1408
CHEM 1305
GEOL 1301
PHYS 1305

(or the equivalents of the introductory courses in these fields)

This should be done to satisfy the two core science requirements and the two additional sciences required in the degree. Other sciences will apply if a student has prior credit but it is strongly recommended that any remaining science requirements needed be selected from those listed above.

IDST 2371 Society and Social Issues (IDS 2113 at UTSA) is highly recommended to be taken to complete the core curriculum Social/Behavioral Sciences requirement and major requirement. This course is required for the degree at UTSA.

“The Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree is a Board-approved collegiate degree program consisting of lower-division courses intended for transfer to baccalaureate programs that lead to initial Texas teacher certification. There are three [AAT curricula](#) which include 60-66 semester credit (SCH) hours of coursework and are fully transferable to any Texas public university offering baccalaureate degree programs leading to initial teacher certification.”-THECB

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/AAR/AAT/AAT-FAQ.cfm#1>

For students following the A.A.T. 4-8 Math-Science certification, it is recommended that you complete the following:

Community College

MATH 1414 College Algebra (Precalculus Track) {instead of MATH 1314}

MATH 2412 Precalculus {instead of MATH 1350}

MATH 2413 Calculus I {instead of MATH 1351}

(Note: Precalculus and Calculus I are prerequisites for required upper division Mathematics.)

UTSA

MAT 1023

MAT 1093

MAT 1214

Undergraduates seeking elementary teacher certification must complete the Interdisciplinary Studies degree as outlined in the UTSA Undergraduate Catalog. Individuals seeking secondary certification should complete the bachelor's degree requirements in their academic specialization while coordinating with the COEHD Advising and Certification Center to fulfill certification requirements.

Admission to the Undergraduate Teacher Certification Program at UTSA requires:

- Viewing the Teacher Certification Information tutorial online*
*EC-4, 4-8 and Special Education view: [IDS Online Tutorial](#). *Secondary, All Level Health, All Level PE, All Level Music, All Level Art view: [Sec. Online Tutorial](#)
- Taking a quick quiz and fill out an online application. Click [here](#) for directions to apply online
- Attaining junior standing (60 semester credit hours) with at least nine hours completed at UTSA
- Completing all core requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better^
(Music Students: See a certification advisor)* [GPA Calculator](#)
- Having a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) on all work completed at UTSA and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5^, [GPA Calculator](#)
- Submitting authorization for a Texas Department of Public Safety criminal background report**
- Attaining minimum Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) scores of 230 (Reading and Math) and 220 (Writing) or meeting exemption requirements as outlined by the [COEHD guidelines](#)
- Earning a grade of "C" or better in WRC
Students who do not meet the 2.5 requirement, may qualify for [gpa recalculations](#)

For students who are hearing impaired, please click the link below for your respective tutorial. Save the PowerPoint presentation to your desktop to view the narrator's notes.

*To download the PowerPoint presentation for the IDS Online Tutorial, [click here](#).

*To download the PowerPoint presentation for the Sec. Online Tutorial, [click here](#).

**Criminal History Checks. UTSA students must submit to a criminal history check every semester they interact directly with any minor(s) or legal adult(s) of diminished capacity. Results will be shared with Independent School Districts (ISD) and/or the receiving agency. Students who are unable to provide a clear criminal background check may not be able to complete the Teacher Certification Program. In accordance with Article 6252-13c, Texas Civil Statutes, the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) may suspend or revoke a teacher certificate or refuse to issue a teacher certificate for a person who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor for a crime that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the teaching profession.

Students are encouraged to initiate and maintain contact with an academic advisor in the COEHD Advising and Certification Center in order to stay informed of certification and graduation requirements