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 – 6 Grade Levels**
**4 – 8 Grade Levels**

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.

“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 leading to initial Texas teacher certification. There are three AAT curricula which include 60 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/index.cfm?objectid=B49D1BB6-0F65-9EED-A4A16D6D855AD7D9

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

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

UTSA is approved by the State Board for Educator Certification to recommend students for teaching certificates in various baccalaureate degree areas. Students seeking a standard teaching certificate or seeking certification endorsements should apply for admission to the certification program through the College of Education and Human Development (COEHD) Advising and Certification Center. Applicants may be either degree-seeking or special students.

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.

Prerequisites:

Students must be in good standing with the UTSA.

Students seeking admission to the Undergraduate Teacher Certification Program ("Program") who have ever been referred to UTSA’s Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards ("SCCS") may have those referrals and the outcomes of those referrals considered by the Associate Dean for Teacher Education ("Associate Dean") in determining whether to grant admission to the Program. Admission is at the discretion of the Associate Dean.

Students requesting admission to the Program who have cases pending with the SCCS will not be admitted until the SCCS case has been fully adjudicated.

Clear criminal history

The teacher preparation program at UTSA requires field work in the public schools. This requires that a student be able to pass a criminal background check conducted by the school districts. It is the responsibility of the student to determine if their criminal history background will present a problem before applying for admission to the teacher preparation program.

Note that students with a problematic criminal history will encounter difficulty in completing any field work requirements and therefore, may not be able to complete the program. Questions about criminal history background checks can be referred to the Office of Teacher Education services.

Admission Requirements:

- View the Teacher Certification Information tutorial online. Note: Please use Internet Explorer to view videos.
  * EC-6, 4-8 and Special Education view:  
    IDS Online Tutorial  
    IDS Online Tutorial (Hearing Impaired)
  *
  * EC-6 Bilingual and 4-8 Bilingual view:  
    BBL Online Tutorial  
    BBL Online Tutorial (Hearing Impaired)
  *
  * Secondary, EC-12 Heath, PE, Music and Art view:  
    Sec. Online Tutorial  
    Sec. Online Tutorial (Hearing Impaired)
  *
- Take a quick quiz and fill out an online application. Click here for directions to apply Online.
- Attain junior standing (60 semester credit hours)
- Complete all core requirements
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) on all work completed
- Have completed 12-15 hours of content coursework. Math and Science certification tracks must have 15 hours completed
- Attain minimum passing scores on one of the following exams:
  - **ACCUPLACER:** Reading Comp. - 78; Elementary Algebra - 63; Sentence Skills - 85; Written Essay - 6
  - **THEA:** Reading - 230, Math - 230; Writing - 220
  - **SAT:** Composite score of 1070 or higher
  - **ACT:** Composite score of 23 or higher
    * Exam scores cannot be mixed and matched
- Earn a "C" or better in WRC 1023.
- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency. Earn a "C-" or better in a public speaking course (WRC 1013, COM 1043, COM 1053, COM 2123, COM 2113. Credit for WRC 1013 through AP or CLEP will not be accepted.
- Read and Sign the Code of Ethics. Students will need to turn in the last page of the Code of Ethics signed and dated to MB 3.214. [Code of Ethics](#)
- EC-6 BBL and 4-8 BBL will be required to have taken the [ALPS test](#).