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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's College of Education Launches Alternative Certification Program during Maymester

CORPUS CHRSTI, TEXAS – The College of Education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is offering an Alternative Certification Program where people can complete teacher certification within one year.

Evening classes begin in mid-May. The Alternative Certification Program (ACP), comprised of 303 total hours, includes field experiences, student-teaching or internship. The College of Education is committed to providing schools with well trained teachers in a timely manner to ensure that the students of South Texas are afforded an excellent education. The intended service areas are school districts in Education Service Centers I, II and III. An estimated 20 students will be certified each year. After students have received their certification, five of the courses taken may count toward a master's degree.

The University has approved certification in EC-Generalist, EC-6 Bilingual (Spanish) Generalist, Mathematics 4-8, Mathematics 8-12, Life Science 8-12, and Physical Science 8-12. All of the requested areas of certification are high-need teaching fields in South Texas.

For admittance into the program, candidates must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited institution of higher learning, with a 2.5 grade point average overall; must have passed the content TExES exam of the PACT; and earned the required score on the TASP, THEA, SAT, or ACT. In addition, a written essay by the candidate must be scored and approved.

After applying to the College of Education's graduate school, an interview with the director and a professor must be successfully completed. The total program cost, including tuition, texts, materials and test and certificate fees, is less than \$6,000.

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Scholarships are available.

For more information, call Dr. Linda Kelly at 361.825.2437; or go to http://edutest.tamucc.edu/education/become_a_teacher/index.html.

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