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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi’s College of Education Offers Alternative Certification for Students Interested in Teaching

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS – Anyone who holds a baccalaureate degree and is interested in teaching can become certified within a year through the Alternative Certification Program (ACP) in the College of Education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The ACP, comprising of 303 total hours, includes field experiences, student-teaching or an 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 the South Texas area. After students have received their certification, five of the courses taken may count toward a master’s degree.

Certification areas include the Generalist EC-6, Bilingual Generalist EC-6 (Spanish), Mathematics 4-8, Mathematics 8-12, Life Science 8-12 and Physical Science 8-12. Many of the certification areas offered are high need teaching fields for South Texas.

Applications for the program are due in May and classes begin on May 31. For admittance, 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 TExES Pre-Admission Content Test (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.

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After applying to the College of Education’s graduate school, an interview with the ACP coordinator and a professor must be successfully completed. Scholarships are available to help defray the total program cost of $6,000 which includes tuition, texts, materials, tests and certificate fees.

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