

Part I - Examination Eligibility for Texas Teacher Certification

In order to utilize one of the AAFCS/CFCS exams to meet content specialization testing requirements for Texas teacher certification, candidates must meet one of the following criteria:

1. **University-Based Initial Educator Preparation (I)** – The candidate is completing program requirements for a standard certificate at a Texas college or university and does not hold any Texas standard or lifetime teacher certificate.
2. **University-Based Additional Educator Preparation (A)** – The candidate currently holds a bachelor's degree and a valid Texas standard or lifetime teacher certificate and is seeking a standard certificate in another area of certification after completing coursework through a Texas educator preparation program.
3. **University-Based Alternative Certification Education Preparation (UA)** - The candidate is completing requirements for a standard certificate through at a Texas college or university.
4. **Alternative Certification Educator Preparation (AP)** – The candidate is completing requirements for a standard certificate through a Texas alternative certification program approved by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification.

Note: Candidates registering for an examination on the basis of either of the above four criteria must obtain an official authorization-to-test code from their educator preparation program advisor, director, or certification officer. This code must be entered when completing examination registration (for initial testing and for any subsequent retesting).

5. **Out-of-State or Out-of-Country Certification (O)** – The candidate is seeking Texas family and consumer sciences teacher certification equivalent a valid teaching credential from another state or another country.
6. **Temporary Teacher Certificate (T)** – The Texas State Board of Educator Certification has reviewed the candidate's transcript, and the candidate meets the eligibility requirements to seek a temporary teacher certificate.
7. **Additional Certification by Examination Only (E)** – The candidate holds a bachelor's degree and a valid Texas standard or lifetime teacher certificate and is seeking to obtain a family and consumer science certificate solely on the basis of demonstrating content-specialization competency by passing the appropriate examination.
8. **Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT)** - The candidate is validating content competency prior to admission into an alternative certification program.