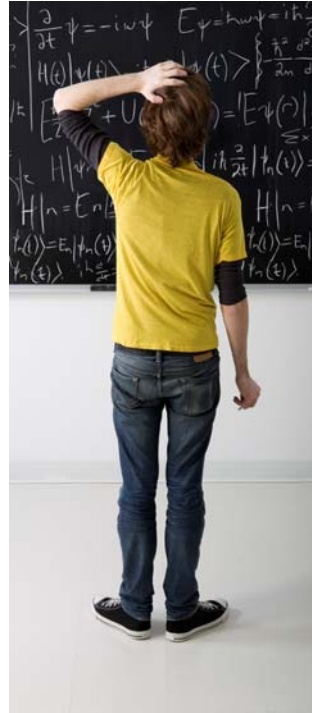


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## *Steps to becoming a certified teacher in Texas...*

- 1 Complete Application**
- 2 Attend Training**
- 3 Obtain Placement**
- 4 Begin Student Teaching**



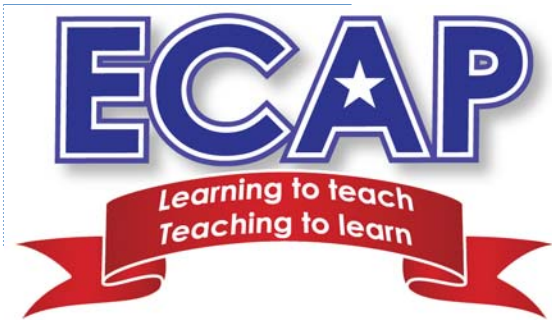
*Become a Certified  
Teacher in One  
Semester  
  
Student  
Teach!*

## **Our Leadership**

The Education Career Alternatives Program (ECAP) has been training new teachers and guiding them through the teacher certification process since 2001. Our director, Sharon Fikes, created ECAP after 11 years as the director of Alternative Certification at the Education Service Center, Region XI.

At ESC, Region XI Sharon opened one of the first state-based alternative certification programs in Texas. Although ECAP has the distinction of being the first privately owned teacher certification program in Texas the experience and success of our Director is truly our greatest asset.

As a result, we have a teacher training program that is highly preferred by the school districts we serve and a depth of knowledge of the teacher certification process that is not available anywhere but ECAP.



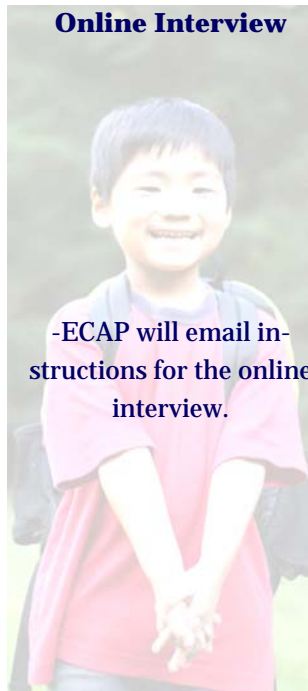
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Step **1** *submit application ...*

[print application here](#)

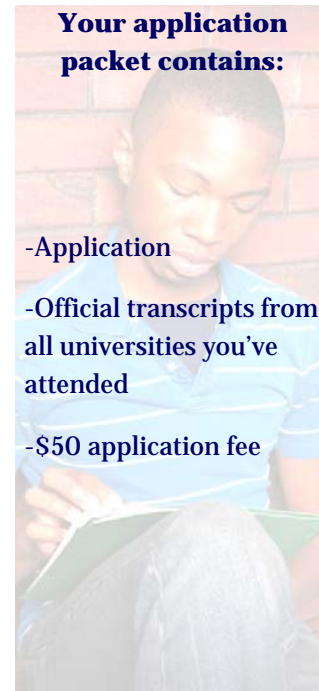
print your application and mail it along with  
your transcripts and application fee

### Online Interview



-ECAP will email in-  
structions for the online  
interview.

### Your application packet contains:



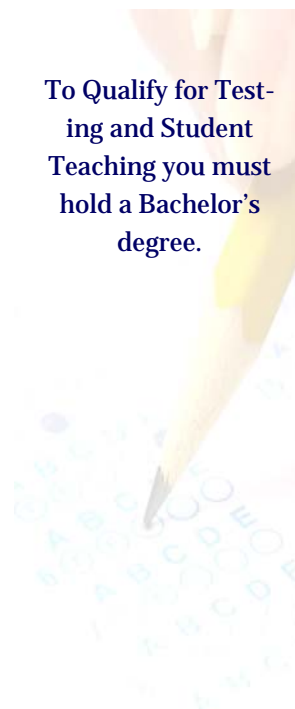
- Application
- Official transcripts from  
all universities you've  
attended
- \$50 application fee

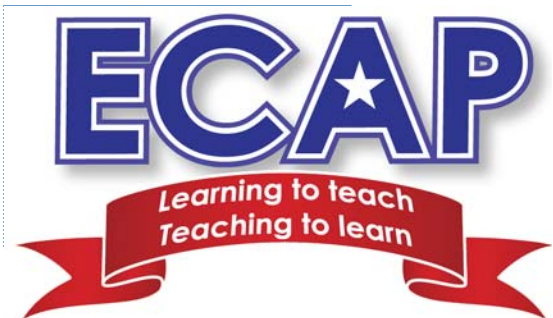
### What does highly qualified mean?

Under the No Child Left Behind law, a candidate must be defined as "highly qualified" in order to be eligible to student teach. To meet this requirement a candidate must satisfy one of the following :

- ◆ 24 hours of college level coursework in the specified area (subject) of certification (12 hours must be at the Junior or Senior level)  
-or-
- ◆ Pass the State TExES content exam in the specified area

To Qualify for Test-  
ing and Student  
Teaching you must  
hold a Bachelor's  
degree.





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## Step **2** *student teacher training ...*

### **2011 training dates**

July 5 - July 22	Summer Academy
TBA	Content Training
TBA	Content Training
TBA	PPR Review (register in advance)

### *curriculum*

#### **Bilingual**

Connections	Lesson Planning
Development of the Young Child	TEKS / questions Techniques
Reading in the Bilingual Classroom	Teaching to Your Strengths
Parent Conferencing	Poverty in Schools
Elementary Math	Bilingual Content Training

#### **Elementary / ESL**


Connections	Lesson Planning
Development of the Young Child	Behavior Management
Reading in the ESL Classroom	Reading in Elementary
Teaching to Your Strengths	Poverty in Schools
Elementary Math	Elementary / ESL Content Training

#### **Secondary**

Connections	Behavior Management
Lesson Planning	Teaching in Urban Schools
Teaching for Critical Thinking	Special Education Issues
TEKS for Secondary	Poverty in Schools
Reading in the Content	Parent Conferencing
Teaching to Your Strengths	Adolescent Development
Secondary Content Training (by area of certification)	

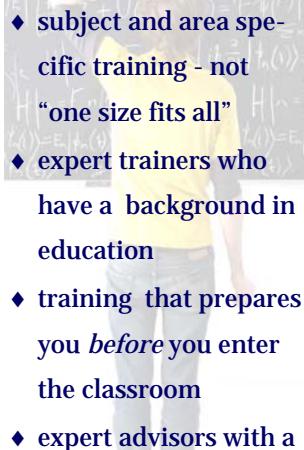
#### **Special Education**

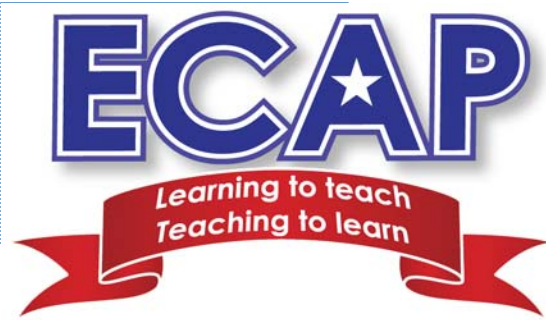
Connections	Introduction to Special Education
Lesson Planning (by grade level)	Reading in Special Education
Behavior Management	Understanding ARD/ IEP
Teaching to Your Strengths	Content Training for Special Education (by area)



We believe that training and support should be the foundation of any certification program.

#### **Note**

- ◆ subject and area specific training - not “one size fits all”
  - ◆ expert trainers who have a background in education
  - ◆ training that prepares you *before* you enter the classroom
  - ◆ expert advisors with a
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## *The Authority in Alternative Certification for Texas Teachers*

Step **3**

*obtain placement ...*

### **Placement for Student Teaching**

ECAP will attempt to place you in the district of your choice for Student Teaching. Final approval for Student Teacher placement is coordinated by Campus and District Administrators.

#### **Fees**

Application Fee: 50.00

Summer Academy Fee: 465.00

Placement Fee: 100.00

Student Teaching Fee: 3200.00

Fees for required state tests are paid to Educational Testing Service

**Note: Student Teachers are not paid.**

#### **Perks**

Student Teachers qualify for credit hours towards a Master's Degree in Education through Louisiana College.



Step **4** *begin Student Teaching ...*

**Week 1:** Observe

**Weeks 3-4:** Observe and participate in classroom activities, work with small groups.

**Weeks 5-6:** Observe, teach 2 lessons, team teach 1 lesson, evaluate student progress, submit lesson plans.

**Weeks 7-8:** Observe, teach 5 lessons, submit lesson plans, work with other teachers and parents.

**Weeks 9-14:** Assume responsibility for all lessons.

**Week 15:** Continue responsibility for all lessons, phase out clinical teacher support.

**Week 16:** Observe closing school activities, apply for **Standard certificate**