

## Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

### What is a rep. exam?

Our representative exam is a practice test which will prepare you for your state exam. It is a mandatory practice test that you must pass with a score of 260 and 80% on each domain to receive permission to take the state exam.

### When is the rep. exam offered?

We usually offer a rep. exam the last Friday of each month.

### What do I need to do to take the rep. exam?

Students are required to complete the TAMIU 2-STEP process. Submit a Rep Request form with the required documents a week prior to the desired test date no later than 12 noon to [texasprep@tamiu.edu](mailto:texasprep@tamiu.edu).

### How much time do I need to dedicate to prepare for the rep.?

We recommend students spend at least 30 hours between reps. (30 days). Meaning that you may study an hour a day or 5 a week to dedicate time to quizzes, study plan tracker and flashcards. Success doesn't happen by chance, you MUST study to pass!

### Do I need to purchase an account for each of the steps on the guidelines?

You are required to purchase a Certify Teacher account. You will get a discount when you use code [TAMIU4728](#) with your dusty email address. Another account you are required to become familiar with is the <https://www.tx.nesinc.com>. Here you will find the manuals for each of the TExES exams you will need under the Prepare tab. Downloading of the manual is free and it includes a practice test at the end which is required for you to take. If you want to take the additional interactive test (optional) you will incur a \$10 fee.

### How do I access the materials?

Visit the Certify Teacher site.

Select the online version of study guide you wish to purchase using the provide promo code and select "Buy Now". Be sure to note the Operating system and browser requirements for the program.

On the My Shopping Cart page, under the Apply Promo Code option, select "Login".

Login to certifyteacher.com to process your purchase using the promo code.

If you do not already have an account through certifyteacher.com, please create an account under the "I don't have an account yet" option, and follow the prompts provide .

Enter your promo code TAMIU when prompted. The price will drop to the discounted price after entering the promo code.

Select "Accept" in the Six Clock-Hours Requirement window for your promo code to be validated.

Complete the purchase transaction by providing your credit card information. The online readiness review solution will be available seconds after the purchase transaction is complete.

### **How much does Certify Teacher cost?**

C&I Courses: \$55 without Promo Code/TAMIU approval

C&I with Promo code and TAMIU approval: \$35 per course

**Promo Code: TAMIU**

### **What is considered a “passing score”?**

For Teacher candidates, our standards require a 260 and an 80% on all domains for each of the TExES Rep. exams. For the (EC-6) you must score an 80% on each subject area.

For Graduate candidates, our standards require a score 260 on the rep and 80% on each domain.

### **What happens if I fail a rep. exam?**

Students who fail the rep. exams are required to complete an intervention plan assigned by the testing department prior to further Rep re-takes.

### **What is the TEXES retake limit?**

Beginning September 1, 2015, candidates will be limited to four (4) retakes for any certification examination.

### **If I score a few points below 80% or 260 (depending on the test) Would my score be rounded to get approval to take the state exam?**

On behalf of the testing department to remain constant we DO NOT round scores nor give permission to take the state exam if a student doesn't meet the requirements. We strongly encourage students to retake the rep. exam to ensure readiness to take the

State Exam (remember you only have 5 attempts, and our goal for you is to be “One and Done.”

**How long do I have to wait to retake the rep. exam?**

You must wait a 30 day period while you work to complete your Intervention Plan to retake your rep. Exam (You have to wait 30 days to retake a state TExES exam).

**Can I take the STR Rep. if I haven't passed the core subjects?**

No. Students need to pass their core subjects rep and state exam prior to begin working on their STR

**I've been out of the school for more than a year and I am still pending to get a teaching certificate.**

**What is the process?**

Students who have finished their coursework and have graduated may call the TExES Prep office at 326-2688 for exam approval. If you have not finished and have not graduated, you are required to re-apply to the university and the program. Once accepted, the student is still required to take the rep. exam and pass to be approved to take the state TExES exam.

Students that already hold a Standard Teaching Certificate don't need permission from COED to challenge any other content tests offered by TEA.

**How do I get 240 tutoring access?**

We usually reserve the 240 tutoring access for candidates reviewing for their TExES exam. We will send an invite to your dusty email to give you 60 days free access. We may renew this access in the event that you do not pass the State Exam.

**Who can I contact for further information on the rep. exam or other testing questions?**

You may send an email to [texasprep@tamiu.edu](mailto:texasprep@tamiu.edu)