

## SMU Educator Preparation Program – Preparing for TExES Tests

While taking SMU coursework, you will be preparing for and taking the required Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) tests. SMU requires passing scores on all required TExES tests **prior to student teaching, internship or practicum**. Before receiving approval to take a TExES test, you are to successfully pass a practice test. SMU is utilizing two external programs, **Certify Teacher** and **240 Tutoring**, to administer these practice tests.

Within **Certify Teacher** and **240 Tutoring**, you will be identified as an SMU student and will be included on the SMU Admin dashboard. Through the dashboard, the SMU administrator will view your progress and test results.

### Overview

**Focus on one TExES test at a time.** Start with your content test. The two charts below show the **preferred order** from left to right with the required tests indicated in green. Once you pass one TExES test, prepare for the next.

**First, take the benchmark test and study:** The results of the benchmark test will show the competencies needing the most attention. Use the study materials, flashcards, and quizzes as instructed within each program.

**Second, take the practice test:** Take the test at a time and location of your choosing. A passing score of **80%** (260 score) at minimum is required. Although it may take a few attempts to pass, you'll know you are prepared for the TExES test. Academic honesty is always expected while taking practice tests. The practice test helps you succeed in passing the TExES test the first time!

**Third, email Jill Moore:** Send an email to [jillm@smu.edu](mailto:jillm@smu.edu) to let her know you **passed** the practice test! She will give approval in the TEA System for you to test and send instructions on how to register for the TExES test.

### Certify Teacher or 240 Tutoring?

The certification you are pursuing will determine which of the two practice test programs you will use. Review the first column of the following two charts to know whether you'll engage with Certify Teacher or 240 Tutoring. If your certification subject test is not listed, please contact Jill Moore.

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| Certify Teacher | Content Test | Science of |
|                 |              |            |

| 240 Tutoring              | Content Test | Science of Teaching Reading (293) | PPR EC 12 (160) | English Second Language** (154) |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 217 ELAR 4 8              |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 231 ELAR 7 12             |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 233 History 7 12          |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 118 Social Studies 4 8    |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 232 Social Studies 7 12   |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 235 Math 7 12             |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 236 Science 7 12          |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 237 Physical Science 6 12 |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 238 Life Science 7 12     |              |                                   |                 |                                 |
| 240 Chemistry 7 12        |              |                                   |                 |                                 |

\*\* The English Second Language (ESL) test is highly recommended but not required for initial teacher certification.

## Purchasing 240