

Path to TExES Approval

A candidate's guide to preparing for, requesting, and passing your required TExES exams — first, second, and third-or-later attempts.

Required Exams by Certification Area

Certification	PPR	Content	Science of Teaching Reading
Core Subjects EC-6 (391) ***	X	X	X
Core Subjects 4-8 (211) **	X	X	X
Content Specific 4-8	X	X	ELAR only
Secondary (7-12)	X	X	n/a

*** The Core Subjects EC-6 (391) exam is structured with five subject exams: English Language Arts and Reading; Mathematics; Social Studies; Science; and Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education.

*** The Core Subjects 4-8 (211) exam is structured with four subject exams: English Language Arts and Reading, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science.

Note:

This guide is subject to additional requirements determined by your program or certification area — for example, a supplemental preparation course. Some TExES approvals also depend on completing specific coursework first.

Expectations for the TExES Exam

Start preparing for exam approval during your first semester of education courses. Passing your required TExES exams is a prerequisite for Clinical Experience. Meet with EPP Staff regularly to make sure you're on track.

Students must pass the required TExES Exams for Clinical Experience eligibility.

Core Subjects (391): There are five individual subtest study guides. To advance, each of the five Practice Tests must be passed at the 90% standard.

Once you've met the preparation requirements for your tier (see below), request TExES approval from the EPP Office via the TExES Exam Request Notification.

How This Guide Works

Your path to TExES approval has three tiers, depending on how many times you've attempted a given exam. Each tier uses a different preparation platform and has its own waiting period if a prior attempt didn't succeed. Everything else in this guide — the request process, review, registration, accommodations, and appeals — works the same way across all three tiers.

- ✓ First Attempt — 240 Tutoring
- ✓ Second Attempt — Pearson (after a 45-day wait and a remediation meeting)
- ✓ Third and Later Attempts — Right Start (after a 60-day wait and an updated remediation plan), with a faculty-recommended alternative resource now available as an option

— DO NOT wait until the last minute —

Preparation Standards

- Complete every performance-gate practice exam honestly — no resources that wouldn't be available in a live testing environment.

- Your preparation platform tracks how you engage with the material. If your pattern of use looks inconsistent with normal test prep, the EPP Office may take a closer look, delay your approval, and/or deny it. A denied approval means a conference with EPP Staff to figure out next steps.

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Recommended Timeline

- Semester 1: Complete your diagnostic and begin working through instructional content, flash cards, and quizzes.
→ Use the full set of resources in each content-specific study guide — don't skip around.
- Semester 2: Finish preparation and reach the 90% Practice Test standard; submit your TExES Request.
- Semester 3 (or one full semester before Clinical Experience): Hold TExES approval with a passing score on file.

Clinical Experience Eligibility Deadline:

All required TExES exams must be passed no later than July 15 for Fall placements and November 15 for Spring placements.

You must score 90% on a Practice Test (the performance gate) to be TExES eligible.

Recommended Testing Timeline

Fall Clinical Experience — July 1 eligibility date. Report by May 1 to flag whether you passed or need remediation and a second attempt by July 1.

Spring Clinical Experience — November 15 eligibility date. Report by September 15 to flag whether you passed or need remediation and a second attempt by November 8.

First Attempt — 240 Tutoring

Your first attempt at any required TExES exam uses 240 Tutoring for diagnostics, preparation, and your performance-gate practice test.

- ✓ Diagnostic — 240 Tutoring diagnostic assessment
- ✓ Preparation Resource — 240 Tutoring instructional content, flash cards, and quizzes
- ✓ Performance Gate — 240 Tutoring Practice Test, 90% minimum score

Cost & Access

\$25/month with your SRSU discount code, or \$50/month without it. SRSU may provide one complimentary 30-day 240 Tutoring credit; after that, you're responsible for keeping your own subscription active while you prepare.

Stay consistently engaged with study materials, practice tests, and remediation activities — that engagement is part of what the EPP Office reviews.

Note: 240 Tutoring course integration may be provided as relevant by faculty.

Course Instructor Role

Course instructors identify which 240 Tutoring modules align with their course, monitor your in-course progress, and report non-completion to the EPP Office. Not finishing course-integrated 240 Tutoring work can carry course-specific consequences from your syllabus. Instructors don't grant TExES approval — that's always the EPP Office.

Second Attempt — Pearson

If your first attempt at a required TExES exam wasn't successful, you'll move into the second-attempt tier and prepare through Pearson.

- ✓ Eligibility — At least 45 days must pass after an unsuccessful first attempt. You'll meet with EPP Staff (and possibly a faculty content expert) to build a remediation plan before you can move forward.
- ✓ Diagnostic — Pearson Interactive Practice Exam (online), \$10

- ✓ Preparation Resource — 240 Tutoring, used for targeted remediation on your weak areas
- ✓ Performance Gate — Pearson In-Person Proctored Exam (paper or online), 90% minimum score. You unlock this once you hit 90% on the 240 Tutoring Practice Test.

Proctored testing is offered regionally, including Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Midland, and Alpine, with results back within 5 business days.

Required Study Plan

At minimum: the Pearson Interactive Practice Test, targeted 240 Tutoring remediation, and a 90%-or-better score on the Pearson Representative Practice Exam — all completed before you submit your TExES Request.

Third (and Later) Attempts — Right Start

If a second attempt doesn't succeed, you'll move into the third-attempt tier. Right Start is the EPP's standard, recommended platform here — it replaces 240 Tutoring at this stage.

- ✓ Eligibility — At least 60 days must pass after an unsuccessful second attempt. You'll meet with EPP Staff to build an updated, individualized remediation plan.
- ✓ Diagnostic & Preparation Resource — Right Start provides your diagnostic, individualized study resources, and performance benchmarks.
- ✓ Performance Gate — Right Start Practice Test, 90% minimum score

Cost & Access

\$30 for a one-month subscription, or \$70 for three months — purchased independently.

Required Study Plan

Complete everything Right Start prescribes in your remediation plan before submitting your TExES Request.

Alternative Resources for Third (and Later) Attempts **NEW**

Right Start stays the standard, go-to resource for third-and-later attempts. But if a faculty member or content expert thinks a different resource would work better for you, they can now recommend one.

- ✓ Right Start remains the default. This option doesn't replace it — it's an option a faculty member or content expert can raise with you, if it fits your situation.
- ✓ A faculty member or EPP-designated content expert can recommend an alternative resource in writing, as part of building your individualized remediation plan.
- ✓ That recommendation isn't automatic — the EPP Office has to review and approve the alternative resource in writing before it counts toward your remediation plan.
- ✓ Whatever alternative is approved has to include the same three building blocks as Right Start: a diagnostic, a remediation/study component, and a 90% performance-gate practice test, taken under live-testing conditions.

What the Alternative Resource Has to Include

Element	What It Means for You
Diagnostic	A starting assessment that pinpoints your areas of need — just like Right Start's diagnostic.
Remediation	Individualized study resources and activities targeted to what the diagnostic found, with the same level of structure and tracking as Right Start.
Demonstration of Readiness (Performance Gate)	A practice test or equivalent readiness check, scored at the same 90% minimum — completed without help you wouldn't have on test day.

This alternative-resource option only applies to third-and-later attempts. First and second attempts still follow the 240 Tutoring and Pearson pathways above.

TExES Request

Once you've met your tier's performance gate, submit your TExES Request through the Student Learning & Licensure (SLL) form to the EPP Office.

- ✓ MS Form to the EPP Office
- ✓ Automated SLL submission confirmation

Preparation Review

The EPP Office reviews your submitted materials for engagement — how consistently you used your preparation platform. A big mismatch between your reported time and normal test-prep patterns can delay approval, lead to denial, or trigger an additional review.

Constructed Response Reviews

Make sure your constructed response fully answers the prompt, with thorough support.

Scoring Criteria

- ✓ Direct alignment with the prompt
- ✓ Depth and accuracy of content knowledge
- ✓ Specific, original examples and evidence
- ✓ An original voice and writing style consistent with your prior work

AI-Influenced Submissions

Constructed response approval weighs heavily on whether your submission looks like it was AI-generated. Submissions may be screened with large language models and compared against your prior writing for consistency.

A submission flagged as AI-influenced may require resubmission, delay your approval, or go to academic integrity review. Repeated instances can lead to removal from the EPP and university-level action.

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Exam Registration & Cost

- ✓ Register directly through the Pearson website using your TEA ID, at least two weeks before your desired test date.
- ✓ Submit your demonstration of readiness within 30 days of hitting the readiness benchmark.
- ✓ If you don't register within 30 days, your approval may be removed to keep the readiness standard meaningful.
- ✓ Complete your TExES attempt within 90 days of EPP approval.

If either timeline above is missed, you'll need to re-establish your demonstration of readiness for approval.

Cost

Each TExES exam costs \$116–\$136 depending on the exam, paid directly by you at registration.

Accommodations

Accommodations for practice materials (240 Tutoring, Right Start, or an approved alternative) can be arranged through that platform's support team — for 240 Tutoring, helpdesk@240tutoring.com.

For the Pearson exam itself, request accommodations (extended time, alternate format, etc.) directly through Pearson's Policies and Accommodations process once you have TExES approval. Pearson's response time can run 7–8 weeks.

A Pearson accommodation request may delay your test-date selection under Pearson's own timeline.

EPP Office Action

- Educator Certification Online System updated for approval
- Email with a link to the NIESC
- Reminder — you have 30 days to register once approved

Retake Policy

If you don't pass on your first attempt, you're not eligible to retest until at least 45 days pass, and you'll meet with EPP Staff to build a remediation plan.

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If you want an exception to any of the readiness standards in this guide, that has to go through the Exception and Appeal process below.

Exception and Appeal Request

If you're seeking access or approval outside the standard process — while still demonstrating you're ready for the exam — you can submit an Exception and Appeal Form.

Submitting the form only requests review by a committee — it doesn't guarantee your request will be granted. Allow at least 10 business days for review.

The committee may approve your request in full, deny it, partially grant it, or offer a new option for you to consider, based on what you submit and their findings.

Appeals Response — Extended Detail

After the Committee Decides: You'll be notified in writing within 3 business days of the review window closing.

Further Appeal: If your request is denied or only partially granted, you can request a secondary review by submitting another Exception and Appeal Form.

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TEXES Request Submission Link: [TEXES Request Notification](#)

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This guide reflects EPP Policy 3.400 (TEXES Examination Approval Policy), including the third-attempt alternative-resource option. For the full policy, contact the EPP Office.