

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.

Clinical Experience Exam Sequencing

Clinical Experience placement requires only a passing result on the Content Specific TExES exam for your certification area — for Core Subjects EC-6 (391), that means all 5 content subtests (901–905) shown below.

The PPR exam and any complementing exams (such as Science of Teaching Reading) are not required before placement. You may access and complete those during your clinical placement.

This applies across all four certification areas in the table below. All preparation-tier, retake, and readiness-standard rules in this guide govern access to the Content exam specifically.

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) & All-Level	X	X	n/a

*** The Core Subjects EC-6 (391) exam is structured with five subject subtests: 901 ELAR, 902 Mathematics, 903 Social Studies, 904 Science, and 905 Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education.

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

All four certification areas still require PPR and (where applicable) Science of Teaching Reading for full certification. Only the Content column above gates Clinical Experience — see the callout above.

All EC-6 Certification Candidates must complete the 391 Support Course. Guidance will be provided in the 391 Support course materials as it relates to demonstration of readiness and timelines for access to the TExES exam. Deadlines

391 Demonstration-of-Readiness Update — Applies Only to Core Subjects EC-6 (391)

This section updates how the demonstration-of-readiness standard applies to the five-subtest Core Subjects EC-6 (391) Content exam. It does not change the standard for Core Subjects 4-8 (211), Content Specific 4-8, or Secondary (7-12) certifications, which continue to require a passing Practice Test score on every required subject exam.



Passing all 5 subtests of the Content exam is what unlocks Clinical Experience. The standards below govern only access to sit that real exam — they are never a substitute for passing it. PPR and any complementing exams are not part of this readiness standard and may be completed during clinical placement.

Standard path: a 391 candidate must meet the SRSU Standard on all 5 subtests, on the platform appropriate to their tier, before the EPP grants access to sit the live TExES Content exam. See the SRSU Subtest Readiness Standards table below.

2nd and Later Attempts: the required readiness demonstration is scoped only to the subtest(s) marked not-passed on the candidate's official Pearson TExES result from their most recent real attempt — not to all five subtests, and not to whichever subtests scored lowest on internal practice data.

Nuance: readiness-platform scores (240 Tutoring, CARE, Pearson practice tools) and official Pearson TExES subtest results are separate records. Only the official real-exam result, tracked per subtest code, determines what is required on the next attempt — see the Subtest Readiness Ledger below.

SRSU Subtest Readiness Standards

SRSU Standard is the score required on each subtest's readiness demonstration for standard access to the real exam. Standard for 5th Content Consideration is the minimum floor at which a subtest becomes eligible for exception consideration only — a score below the Standard for 5th Content Consideration is not eligible for any exception path and remediation continues until it clears.

Subtest	SRSU Standard	Standard for 5 th Content Consideration
901 — ELAR	68%	58%
902 — Math	74%	62%
903 — Social Studies	71%	56%
904 — Science	71%	61%
905 — FARHPE	64%	59%

Exception Path — 4 of 5 Subtests at SRSU Standard

If 4 of the 5 subtests meet the SRSU Standard, and the remaining subtest scores at or above its Lower Standard (but below its SRSU Standard), the candidate becomes eligible to request access to the real exam through a formal Exception and Appeal Request only — this is not an automatic path to access.

Submitting the Exception and Appeal Request (see the Exception and Appeal Request section later in this guide) opens a case-by-case committee review. The committee considers the full picture — trajectory, 240 Tutoring engagement, any independent tutoring support, and consistency across the other four subtests — not the score in isolation.

There is no standing policy provision that automatically advances a 4-of-5 candidate. Every such case is decided individually through this process.

Expectations for the TExES Exam

Start preparing for exam approval during your first semester of education courses. Passing your required Content Specific TExES exam is a prerequisite for Clinical Experience; PPR and any complementing exams are completed during your clinical placement. Meet with EPP Staff regularly to make sure you're on track.

Students must pass the required Content Specific TExES exam for Clinical Experience eligibility.

Core Subjects (391): there are five individual subtest study guides (901–905). To advance on a 1st attempt, a candidate must reach the SRSU Standard on all 5 subtests. A candidate who reaches the SRSU Standard on 4 of 5 and the Lower Standard on the remaining subtest may pursue access only through a formal Exception and Appeal Request — see below. On 2nd and later attempts, only the subtest(s) marked not-passed on the candidate's official TExES record must reach standard again.

Once you've met the preparation requirements for your tier and subtest scope (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. For Core Subjects EC-6 (391) candidates, each tier's required scope is further narrowed to only the open subtest(s) on the Subtest Readiness Ledger. Everything else in this guide — the request process, review, registration, accommodations, and appeals — works the same way across all three tiers, and all of it governs the Content exam specifically.

— 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.

- 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

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.



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 on your required subtest(s); submit your TExES Request.

Semester 3 (or one full semester before Clinical Experience): hold TExES approval on the Content exam with a passing score on file for every subtest. PPR and any complementing exams can follow during placement.

Non-EC-6 Certification Candidates

Clinical Experience Eligibility Deadline requires Content Specific TExES exam to be passed no later than July 15 for Fall placements and November 15 for Spring placements.

EC-6 Certification Candidates

Clinical Experience Eligibility Deadline requires Content Specific TExES exam to be passed as provided in the 391 Support course materials.

First Attempt — 240 Tutoring

Your first attempt at the required Content Specific TExES exam uses 240 Tutoring for diagnostics, preparation, and your performance-gate practice test. For 391 candidates, this covers all five subtests; access to the live exam is granted once the SRSU Standard (or the 4-of-5 Exception path) above is met.

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.

Course instructors identify which 240 Tutoring modules align with their course, monitor your in-course progress, and report non-completion to the EPP Office. Instructors don't grant TExES approval — that's always the EPP Office.

Second Attempt — Pearson

If your first attempt at the Content Specific 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, scoped for 391 candidates to only the subtest(s) marked open on the Subtest Readiness Ledger.
- Diagnostic — Pearson Interactive Practice Exam (online), \$10, taken only for open subtest(s).
- 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 for each open subtest — all completed before you submit your TExES Request.

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

Third (and Later) Attempts — Right Start

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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.

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 — scoped, for 391 candidates, to the subtest(s) still marked open on the Readiness Ledger — before submitting your TExES Request.

Alternative Resources for Third (and Later) Attempts

Right Start stays the standard, go-to resource. A faculty member or content expert can recommend an alternative resource in writing, which must 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 — scoped to the candidate's open subtest(s) where applicable. The EPP Office must review and approve the alternative resource in writing before it counts toward the remediation plan.

Subtest Readiness Ledger

To apply the 391 subtest-scoping rules consistently across all three tiers, the EPP Office maintains a per-candidate ledger tracking the status of all five Content subtests (901–905). This ledger — not a candidate's internal readiness-platform score alone — is the record of authority for what each subsequent attempt requires.

- Updated after every official Pearson TExES score report.
- Each subtest tracked as Cleared (passed on a real TExES attempt — permanently closed), Open (not yet passed on a real attempt), or Readiness-Pending (practice-platform score on file, no real attempt yet).
- Referenced by EPP Staff when building each tier's remediation plan, so only open subtests are assigned CARE work, targeted tutoring, or a proctored practice exam.
- Available to the candidate on request through EPP Staff or their faculty advisor.

This closes a prior tracking gap: without a subtest-level ledger, the EPP had no mechanical way to confirm which of the five 391 subtests a candidate still needed to clear on a second or third attempt.

TExES Request

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

Preparation Review: the EPP Office reviews your submitted materials for engagement — how consistently you used your preparation platform. A 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 flagged submission may require resubmission, delay your approval, or go to academic integrity review.

TExES Approval, Registration & Cost

- Educator Certification Online System updated for approval.
- Email with a link to the NIESC.
- You have 30 days to register once approved — if you don't register within 30 days, your approval may be removed to keep the readiness standard meaningful.
- Register directly through the Pearson website using your TEA ID, at least two weeks before your desired test date.
- Complete your TExES attempt within 90 days of EPP approval.

Cost: each TExES subtest costs \$116–\$136 depending on the exam, paid directly by you at registration.

Accommodations: for practice materials (240 Tutoring, Right Start, or an approved alternative), contact that platform's support team — for 240 Tutoring, helpdesk@240tutoring.com. For the Pearson exam itself, request



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accommodations directly through Pearson's Policies and Accommodations process once you have TExES approval; response time can run 7–8 weeks and may delay your test-date selection.

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 scoped to your open subtest(s).

If you don't pass on your second attempt, you're not eligible to retest until at least 60 days pass, and you'll meet with EPP Staff to build an updated, individualized remediation plan — this is also the point where a faculty-recommended alternative resource can come into play alongside Right Start.

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. For 391 candidates, this is also the only path available when 4 of 5 subtests meet the SRSU Standard and the 5th meets only the Lower Standard.

Exception and Appeal Request

Submitting the Exception and Appeal 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. For a 391 four-of-five case, the committee reviews the full picture on file in the Subtest Readiness Ledger — trajectory, tutoring engagement, and consistency across the other subtests — not the score in isolation.

After the Committee Decides: you'll be notified in writing within 3 business days of the review window closing. 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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This guide reflects EPP Policy 3.400 (TExES Examination Approval Policy), including the third-attempt alternative-resource option, the Clinical Experience exam-sequencing update, and the Core Subjects EC-6 (391) subtest-scoping update described above. For the full policy, contact the EPP Office.