

**Texas A&M University-Commerce**  
*Field-Based (Undergraduate) Program*  
**Steps to Gaining 4-8 Teacher Certification – Educational Aide**

| <b>Requirements to be Met to be Approved for Student Teaching</b>  | <b>Indicate Date Completed or to be Completed</b> |
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| <b>Gain District Approval to Complete Student Teaching as Educational Aide.</b> <u>Note:</u> Some districts do not permit aides to be compensated while completing student teaching. |   |
| Fully admitted to the Field-Based Teacher Education Program ( <b>occurs during Eled 300</b> )  |   |
| Hold an <b>Educational Aide Certificate</b> (TEA requirement) – Include copy of Aide Certificate   |   |
| Overall GPA of 2.75  |   |
| “C” or above in ELED 300 (requires 30 hours of Observation and Observation Reflection)   |   |
| “C” or above in PSY 300  |   |
| Pre-Internship Courses GPA of 2.75   |   |
| Specialization Courses GPA of 2.75   |   |
| <a href="#">Basic Skills Requirements</a> for Reading, Math and Writing –  |   |
| ❖ Reading (THEA, ACT or SAT only)  |   |
| ❖ Math (THEA, SAT, ACT, TSI Test or “C” in College Math)   |   |
| ❖ Writing (THEA, SAT, ACT, TSI Test or “C” in English 101 or 102)  |   |
| GPA of 2.75 in Supplemental Areas, i.e. Sped and Bilingual   |   |
| Grades of “C” or above in Supplemental Areas i.e. Sped and Bilingual   |   |
| Completed with grade of “C” or above in following courses:   |   |
| - Psy 310  |   |
| - Rdg 380  |   |
| - MLED 314   |   |
| Specialization / Teaching Field Courses  |   |
| - Complete Specialization Courses with grade of “C” or above<br>May lack only <b>two</b> specialization courses  |   |
| Completed with a grade of “C” or above in the following courses  |   |
| - Math 350   |   |
| - Sped 346   |   |
| Completed with a grade of “C” or above 4-8 Major / Interdisciplinary courses with a minimum GPA of 2.75.   |   |

## **Application for Substitution for Experience (if applicable)**

You may be eligible to have your second semester (residency) waived. You must have two (2) full years of verifiable classroom experience in the content area / level you are pursuing certification, in order to be considered for a waiver.

You may access the application for Substitution for Experience at the following link:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/educationHumanServices/educatorCertificationAcademicServices/fieldBasedUndergraduateProgram/educational-aide-program/default.aspx>

The application for Substitution for Experience should be submitted at the same time the application for Internship is submitted, if possible.

**Note:** If your application to substitute experience for coursework is approved (waive 3sh of Eled 422), your Internship semester will be waived. You will complete only one (1) semester of student teaching, i.e. clinical teaching.

If you are not eligible for the waiver (do not have minimum of two (2) years of aide experience), or the waiver is not approved, you must complete both semesters of student teaching.

### **Internship Semester -**

EDCI 414 – 3sh  
ELED 422 – 3sh  
(and any other courses listed on your Degreeworks)

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**Residency (Clinical Teaching) –**  
(and any other courses listed on your Degreeworks)

EDCI 415 – 3sh  
ELED 422 – 3sh

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### **Residency (Clinical Teaching with the waiver)**

EDCI 414 – 3sh  
EDCI 415 – 3sh  
ELED 422 – 3sh

**Final Requirements:**

- Maintain all courses with grades of “C” or above, and maintain required GPA
- Conferred Bachelor’s Degree in the area seeking teacher certification
- Successful completion of all required TExES exams
- Apply for State Standard Teaching
- Apply for Fingerprinting, if applicable