

Texas Advanced Certification Requirements

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for recommendation by UTA EPP to be awarded a Texas Advanced Certification:

1. Must have a Master's degree from an accredited university/college.
2. Must have a valid classroom teacher certification for candidate's seeking Principal as an Instructional Leader (PIL) or Reading Specialist (RS) certification.
Must have a valid Mid-management, Principal or PIL certification for candidate's seeking Superintendent certification.
3. Must have at least two creditable years of classroom teaching experience in a TEA accredited school.
4. Complete a TEA accredited Educator Preparation Program (EPP), which includes specified coursework, trainings and practica as mandated by the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).
5. Pass required state certification exams (TExES):
 - ✓ PIL = Principal as an Instructional Leader (PIL) AND Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL)
 - ✓ RS = Reading Specialist
 - ✓ Superintendent = Superintendent
6. Submit a certification application and fee to TEA.
7. Be recommended by UTA EPP.