



## FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EC-4 GENERALIST CERTIFICATION WITH BILINGUAL EDUCATION

1. **Applying for the Professional Development Sequence** — Students must apply for admission to the Professional Development Sequence by March 1 to enter in the Fall semester, or by October 1 to enter in the Spring semester. Admission requirements include presentation of a minimum 2.5 GPA on all coursework taken at UT-Austin, completion of the following prerequisite coursework: M 316K, KIN 314, ALD 322, ALD 325, EDC 371 - Spanish I for Bilingual Teachers, and 3 additional semester hours of coursework from the ALD group on the front of this sheet, a minimum score of 4 on the Spanish Screening Procedure (SSP), application by the stated deadlines, and selection by an admissions committee. At the time of entrance into the PDS, students may only be lacking up to a maximum of 12 semester hours of coursework outside the PDS. The application for the Professional Development Sequence is available only online. Contact the College of Education Field Experiences Office (SZB 294) at (512) 471-1511 for information, or visit <http://www.edb.utexas.edu/fieldexp/>.
2. **Residence Rules for Apprentice Teaching and Certification** — All candidates must do their apprentice teaching in residence at UT Austin. Apprentice teaching must be completed no more than 3 years prior to being recommended to the State for certification, otherwise, additional experience or coursework may be necessary.
3. **Oral and Written Communication Proficiency** — Your oral and written communication proficiency in English will be reviewed during the first semester of the Professional Development Sequence. Successful completion of an Individualized Performance Plan (IPP), which outlines steps for addressing difficulties, will be required if necessary.
4. **Grade Point Average Requirements** — Starting Fall Semester 2004, students seeking EC-4 Generalist with Bilingual Education teacher certification must have a minimum grade of 'C' in all prerequisite courses and courses in the major (taken Fall 2004 or after) for admission to the professional development sequence. These courses include all ALD courses, HDF 313, PSY 304, M 316K, and KIN 314. Progression within the PDS also requires the maintenance of a minimum 2.5 cumulative university grade point average and a minimum grade of 'C' in each of the PDS courses. Students who do not maintain the minimum grade point average or make a 'C' in each PDS course (or major courses still being taken) are not allowed to progress within the sequence until the course is repeated and a grade of 'C' or above is earned.
5. **Laptop Initiative** — All UT Austin students engaged in teacher preparation professional certification programs are required to have a laptop computer conforming to prescribed hardware and software specifications. These computers will be required for use in most professional development courses and field experiences, will facilitate innovative instructional technology integration in public school teaching, and will equip our graduates for teaching in Texas classrooms of the future. Under this plan, each specific program defines the semester or course when this requirement will affect its students. In most cases this will occur when a student enters the officially designated "professional development sequence" and so has two to four semesters remaining to complete all certification requirements. In order to provide the best possible support for students and faculty in the initial years of this innovative project, only one operating system will be supported. For further information, please go to <http://www.edb.utexas.edu/education/life/index.php>.
6. **Testing - State Certification Examinations** — Students are strongly encouraged to take their state certification examinations as soon as possible. Undergraduates may take the state-required TExES exams (Texas Examinations of Educator Standards) after finishing all the course requirements for certification or while registered in the last semester of work. Bilingual education majors will take the TExES Test 100: Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-4, as well as TExES Test 103: Bilingual Generalist EC-4. In addition, the TOPT (Texas Oral Proficiency Test) will need to be passed. A minimum score of 6 is required on the Spanish Screening Procedure (SSP) in order to get a bar code to take the TOPT before completion of all degree requirements. (Note: The TOPT is to be replaced by the TExES Test 190: Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test in the near future.) TExES and TOPT applications will be available in SZB 216. Currently, each test costs \$82 (subject to change). Study guides are available at <http://texas.ets.org/> under "Preparation Materials".
7. **Graduation and Residency Requirements** — To receive a degree from the College of Education, a student must have been registered in the college for at least two long-session semesters or the equivalent. A candidate for a degree must be registered in the college either in residence or in absentia the semester or summer session the degree is to be awarded, and must apply for the degree no later than the specified deadline. The student must have an official degree audit on file prior to applying for the degree (upon completing fifty semester hours of coursework). **Sixty hours counted toward the degree must be completed in residence, as well as twenty-four of the last thirty hours counted toward the degree. Coursework taken out-of-residence, including coursework through continuing and distance education or from another institution, will not be allowed in a student's final semester at The University. Students who are graduating in the summer may appeal to take courses at another institution in the first summer term only.**
8. **Application for Certification** — Information about the application procedure should be picked up in SZB 216 after all requirements, including graduation and TExES tests, are completed. For us to process your recommendation, you must have completed your B.S. in ALD degree program, have a minimum 2.5 UT Austin grade point average, and your application and fees must have been submitted to the State Board for Educator Certification. Submit your online application at <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us>.


Hours needed to complete degree program \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_ 06-08\_BIL\_EC-4\_6/25/07\_COE/sd

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