



Can I Take Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT)?

Significant changes to Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §227.10 (a)(3)(C) now allow degreed individuals who have not been enrolled in an Educator Preparation Program (EPP) to take Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT) to demonstrate content proficiency for possible admission into an EPP. **Taking PACT does not ensure admittance into a program.** EPPs may have additional admission requirements. Answer the questions below to see if you qualify to take PACT.

1. Do You Already Have a Bachelor’s Degree from an Accredited University? (See a list of accredited colleges and universities at [http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/.](http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/))

YES
Continue to question 2.

NO
You cannot take PACT.

2. Have You Been Enrolled in an EPP?

NO
Continue to question 3.

YES
You cannot take PACT. Contact your program for more information.

3. Are You Seeking a Certification Other Than Classroom Teacher?

NO
Continue to question 4.

YES
You cannot take PACT. You need EPP approval to test if you are seeking the following certifications: Educational Diagnostician, Health Science Technology, Marketing, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent and all of the Master Teacher certifications.

4. Do You Want to take Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) Examinations?

NO
Continue to question 5.

YES
You cannot take PACT. You need EPP approval to take PPR examinations. Your EPP must upload approval to test in the TEA approval system before you can register for PPR examinations.

5. Are You a College/University Undergraduate Seeking Initial Teacher Certification?

NO
Continue to question 6.

YES
You cannot take PACT. You must be approved by your EPP for content area and PPR examinations. Your EPP will upload approval into the TEA test approval system. EPP approval must be given prior to registering for any certification examinations.

6. Do You Hold Acceptable Teaching Credentials in Another State, U.S. Territory, or Country?

NO
Continue to question 7.

YES
You cannot take PACT. You must have your credentials reviewed by TEA prior to registering for tests. Following a review of credentials, you will be informed of the required examinations for the certification areas you are seeking.

7. Are You Ready to Register for PACT?

YES

Register on the ETS TExES website at www.texas.ets.org.

- Click on "Register" at the top of the page.
- Select "Online Registration for New Users" and read through the explanation.
- After you have read the explanation, click on "New User" at the bottom of the page.
- Select "no TEA ID>>" if you do not have an existing Educator Profile in the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) system.
- Confirm your registration as a PACT participant by selecting "pre-admission content tests (PACT)>>"
- Enter personal information for a testing account to be created in the ETS TExES system as well as the SBEC system. Certify graduation from an accredited university. (See the link provided if you are unsure of your college or university's accreditation.)
- Enter the requested supplemental information on the screen that follows.
- Create a username and password and enter a password reminder that can be used by a customer service representative if you forget your password.
- Because you are a PACT candidate, you do not need to create an Educator Profile on the SBEC website in order to register for a test. The ETS online registration system will transfer the data you enter to the SBEC system and give you a TEA ID number. Be sure to make a note of your TEA ID and Username.
- Select "Register for a test" if you are ready to do so.

Before the day of the test, you should read and be familiar with all policies and procedures in the *Registration Bulletin* for the test you are planning to take. *Registration Bulletins* can be downloaded from the ETS TExES website at www.texas.ets.org.

NO

When you are ready, check this document to make sure you are still eligible and follow the registration process in #7.