

Odessa College Educator Preparation Program Admission Requirements**Minimum Requirements for Applicants**

1. For Core Subjects EC-6, a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university with a **minimum of 2.5 GPA overall or in the last 60 hours with 12 hours in appropriate content areas.**
2. **Apply to Odessa College**
3. **Complete the Odessa College Educator Preparation Program application**
4. **Complete HIRERIGHT background check***
5. Submit original/official college transcripts. Official transcripts should be sent by colleges showing college/university coursework, number of subject hours, overall GPA, proof of Bachelor's degree, and any advanced degrees from an accredited university. **If applying on-line for transcripts, designate Odessa College - EPP.**
6. If transcripts are from a foreign country, they must **first be evaluated** by a TEA Vendor and the evaluation must state that your degree is equivalent to an American Bachelor's degree; then you must pass the TOEFL, if your originating country is not on the list of English speaking countries (link to English speaking country page). A list of TEA recognized vendors can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/out-of-state-certification/certification-based-on-credentials-from-another-country>
8. Interview (Once your application has been submitted, you will be called to schedule an interview.)

Additional requirements:

- [Two-page resume](#) listing any experiences in teaching children or work that would enhance teaching children.

In addition to the above minimum requirements, please be sure that you meet the following standards:

- Valid email address and regular access to a computer and internet;
- Ability to complete requirements independently;
- Ability to understand and implement directions;
- Ability to effectively communicate with students, faculty and staff;
- Ability to focus in a high distracting environment through multi-task completion;
- Ability to demonstrate a constructive, outcome-focused approach in a variety of planned and unplanned situations (or settings)

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Certification Area	Specific Hours Required on official transcript or SOQ	Core Classes
EC-6 Core Subjects	A combination of 12 semester hours in a combination of areas in language arts and reading, science, social studies, math, science, health, physical education, art, music or drama.	Social Science, Math, Natural Science, and English, Science, Health, Physical Education, Art, Music, Drama/Theater

Notification:

According to H.B. 1498 (TEC21.917), Texas school districts will run a Criminal Background Check (CBC) to obtain criminal history information on every employee, candidate for employment, and observer in schools. **The State Board for Educator Certification will also run a fingerprint check when you request probationary, intern, or standard certification. A criminal history may disqualify your participation in a school district AND from acceptance into the Teacher Certification Program. You are eligible for a pre-determination of teacher certification by consulting the Texas Education Agency at http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/**