PACT Transition

Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT) candidates will take a new series of content certification exams beginning 1/27/2020.

- A passing score on PACT is required for admission if an educator preparation program (EPP) applicant does not meet the GPA and/or content hour requirement.
- PACT applicants enrolling in an EPP between now and 1/26/2020 should review the exam information and preparation materials for the TExES exams.
- PACT applicants enrolling in an EPP beginning 1/27/2020 must complete a passing score on the appropriate new content certification examination (TX PACT). TExES exams will no longer be used for PACT purposes beginning 1/27/2020.
- Registration and appointment scheduling for these new TX PACT exams will open 1/21/2020 with Pearson.
- The Pearson system will not prevent current PACT candidates from scheduling a TExES exam appointment after 1/26/2020. Consequently, any current PACT TExES exam appointments scheduled after 1/26/2020 will be canceled. Notifications will be sent to the email on file.
- Preparation materials are available on the Pearson website.
- A passed TExES content-pedagogy exam can still be used for certification as long as it is still a valid exam at the time all certification requirements are met including applying and recommending. The Required Texas Certification Tests (including deadlines to apply for certification) chart lists the current required exams and their end dates. We will continue to update.
- TX PACT content certification exams are not used for certification, and are not subject to the five-time limit.
- TX PACT content certification exam scores are valid for EPP enrollment purposes for one calendar year.
- Exam fees for most TX PACT areas will be $106, and $56 for exams with subtests (e.g. American Sign Language and Essential Academic Skills, etc.) The Texas.gov fee will continue to be assessed.
- All testing candidates will need a TEA ID number before registering with Pearson. The Educator Certification Online System (ECOS) for Educators that is accessed through TEAL will provide a TEA ID. For help with TEAL account access, please enter a request to TEAL Access through the TEA Help Desk.
- If you have questions, please contact your assigned program specialist, submit a ticket through the TEA Help Desk, or visit the Pearson Texas program website, www.tx.nesinc.com, and click “Contact us.” Pearson Customer Contact Center Representatives are available at 1-800-877-4599 7:00 AM–7:00 PM Central Time Monday through Friday, and 8:00 AM–4:00 PM Central Time Saturdays, excluding holidays. The Automated Information System is available 24 hours daily.