

Health EC-12 (257)

Proposed Candidate Certification Testing Requirement (Pending SBEC action)

Important Dates to Remember *

Spring 2024	• Prep Manual available
Summer 2024	• Rep Exam/Interactive Practice Test available
Sept. 1, 2024	• Last day to take Health EC-12 (157) exam
Sept. 2, 2024	• Health EC-12 (257) Exam Launch
Sept. 1, 2025	• Last day to apply and recommend using 157

Frequently Asked Questions	Answers
Exam Launch & Candidate Registration	
When does this exam launch?	The redesigned Health EC-12 exam is scheduled to launch on September 2, 2024 . The updated exam framework can be found here .
Who should take the redesigned Health EC-12 (257) exam?	Candidates seeking an intern, probationary, and/or standard certification in Health EC-12 should take the redesigned 257 exam. Any candidate enrolling starting September 2024 will take the Health EC-12 (257) exam.
Exam Transition & Program Requirements	
When is the deadline for candidates to take the current Health EC-12 (157) exam?	The last day for candidates to take the older 157 exam will be September 1, 2024 .
When is the last day to recommend candidates using the current Health EC-12 (157) exam?	The last day to apply and recommend candidates using the current Health EC-12 (157) exam is September 1, 2025 .
Is this a new certification area?	The redesigned Health EC-12 (257) exam is not representative of a new certification area. The name of the certification area remains the same. The only change is the exam number from 157 to 257.
Will programs have to reapply to offer the Health EC-12 (257) certification?	No. Because this is not a new certification, programs will not have to reapply to offer this certification.
Exam Preparation and Resources	
When will the Preparation Manual for this exam be available?	The preparation manual for the redesigned Health EC-12 (257) exam will be available on the Texas Program Website Spring 2024 .
When will the Representative & Practice exams be available?	Both the representative and practice exams will be available Summer 2024 . Click here for representative exam purchase information.
What can I expect during the introductory period?	There will not be an introductory period for this exam. Standard setting activities will be complete Spring 2023; following these activities the passing standard for this exam can be found here .

*Exam expiration & launch dates are pending action from the State Board for Educator Certification in February 2024.