POST-BACCALAUREATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
SECONDARY – Life Science
For certification in grades 8-12

Student Name: ___________________________ Banner ID: ________________

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

____ Attend a Teacher Certification Information Meeting;
____ Be admitted to UTSA;
____ Maintain your assigned UTSA e-mail address;
____ Hold a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited University:

(Degree-BA, MA, etc) (University) (Date)

____ Meet minimum GPA requirements (on a 4.0 scale):
Cumulative of 2.5 or better; or
2.75 or higher in the last 60 hours; or
Enrolling in 12 semester hours of upper division UTSA coursework (chosen with advisor approval and excluding restricted Education courses), earning a B or better in each course, and thereafter maintaining a 2.75 GPA in all coursework taken at UTSA or elsewhere leading to certification. A student selecting this option must meet the GPA requirement within four consecutive long semesters of initially enrolling in certification coursework after consulting with a COEHD advisor;

____ Submit an application to the UTSA Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program;

____ Because the State of Texas requires that teacher certification programs screen prospective teachers for public speaking ability, critical thinking skills, reading, writing and math abilities, you must evidence (by professional training or earning at least a C in related coursework) your basic skills in these areas.

Public Speaking: ___________________________
Critical Thinking: _________________________
Reading: ________________________________
Writing: _________________________________
Math: _________________________________

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS
Acceptable transfer or UTSA courses may be counted if they have been taken within the last ten (10) years and if they fulfill the content and intent of the equivalent required course. The 10-year limit will be waived on general education or content area courses with a minimum passing score on the relevant TExES practice test. For further information about this testing option, please see a UTSA certification advisor. Some courses require field experience. Refer to catalog for course descriptions and information about required fieldwork. Students must submit an authorization for a Texas Department of Public Safety criminal background report when registering for a field experience course.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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<td>Intro. To Learning &amp; Teaching</td>
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RESTRICTED COURSES
Prerequisite courses: IDS 2013 or EDU 2103 and EDP 3203. Courses are restricted to students admitted to the Teacher Certification Program. Advisor Clearance is required for enrollment in these classes and may be applied for in the COEHD Advising and Certification Center two weeks prior to registration. Most restricted courses are offered during the fall & spring semesters only.

EDP 4203** Assessment & Evaluation for Sec. School Teachers
RDG 3773** Intro. Content Area Reading Sec.
C&I 4203** Models of Teaching Content Areas Secondary Schools

** These courses, together with student teaching, must be taken at UTSA.

TEACHING FIELD (27 Hours Minimum)

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<td>3 Hours of Geology or Environmental Science or Ecology</td>
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STUDENT TEACHING/INTERNSHIP:
Student teaching is an essential component of the teacher certification program. All UTSA students should make plans to be available for full-time student teaching during the final semester. Student teaching is offered during the fall and spring semesters only. Students should apply for student teaching one long semester in advance. Students who have extensive experience as an instructional assistant or as a permanent long-term substitute teacher may qualify for a Post-Baccalaureate internship. Specific requirements for and general information about the internship are available in the COEHD Advising and Certification Center. Students with two years of teaching experience in an accredited school (see Note 5 below) in grades 8-12 may request to use their applicable teaching experience in place of student teaching. If two years of teaching experience is substituted for student teaching, an additional six hours of upper division elective coursework is required in lieu of the six hours of student teaching. Coursework must be approved by an advisor prior to enrolling. Experience may be documented by submitting a service record or a letter from the headmaster/principal of the accredited school indicating the length of service and the subjects and grade levels taught.

Refer to UTSA catalog for course description and prerequisites.
EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS
All candidates for certification in the state of Texas must pass state-mandated exams, the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). TExES Practice Tests and/or review sessions (as applicable) are required before registering for a TExES exam. For information about practice tests and review sessions, consult the COEHD website (http://coehd.utsa.edu/Students/TExAS/Home_TExES.htm) or contact the TExES Office Hotline at 458-5788. Information is also available on the bulletin board located outside of the TExES office (located in MB 0.500). Preparation manuals for all TExES exams are available at http://www.texas.ets.org/.

#130 8-12 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities

#138 8-12 Life Science

Prepared By: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Notes:

1. This Post-Baccalaureate Program is at the Undergraduate Level. If students apply to UTSA as Special (non-degree seeking) Undergraduates (SU), they will be changed to Certification Undergraduates (CU) upon consulting with an advisor and beginning the Certification Program. Please note that SU students have the lowest registration priority and are ineligible for most financial assistance programs.

2. Students interested in pursuing EC-4 certification in a graduate level program should consult the UTSA Master of Arts in Education with a Concentration in Early Childhood Elem. Education (Teaching) program website at http://isci.utsa.edu/Programs/g_programs.htm.

3. The Academy for Teacher Excellence offers a graduate-level program leading to EC-12 Special Education, 4-8 Math, 4-8 Science, 4-8 Math/Science, 8-12 Math, or 8-12 Science certification through its ATEP program (Accelerated Teacher Education Program, or ATEP). For information, consult the ATE website at http://ate.utsa.edu/.

4. After 3 consecutive semesters of non-enrollment in the University, a student becomes "inactive". If they re-enroll, they must re-apply to the program and meet the current admission standards.

5. An "accredited school" is (i) either a public school or charter school accredited by TEA and appearing in the Texas School Directory published by TEA and updated on its website at http://askted.tea.state.tx.us/, or (ii) a private school accredited by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC) and appearing in the list of Accredited Non-Public Schools as published by TEA and updated on its website at http://askted.tea.state.tx.us/. If the experience is earned in a school located in another state, the school must be accredited by a state agency equivalent to TEA.