Frequently Asked Questions about Clinical Teaching

Clinical teaching is an extremely important component of the certification program. The primary purpose of clinical teaching is to learn to apply what was learned in university courses to the professional setting (i.e., an actual classroom). It is expected that the clinical teaching component of the Certification program will be completed through UTSA.

1. When am I eligible to clinical teach?
You are eligible to clinical teach when you have been admitted to the Teacher Certification Program, have completed all degree and prerequisite coursework, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, and you have completed one attempt on the content TExES for your specific certification.

2. How do I apply for clinical teaching?
A meeting will be held early in the semester prior to your clinical teaching semester to explain the application form and procedures. Clinical teaching applications will be distributed and questions will be answered at the meeting. Look for meeting announcements on the clinical teaching website.

3. How will I know if I’ve been accepted to clinical teach?
Clinical teacher applicants’ records will be reviewed at the close of the semester prior to clinical teaching. If you are determined to be ineligible for clinical teaching, you will receive a Denial Letter stating the reason you’ve been denied for clinical teaching. If you are eligible for clinical teaching, you will not receive a letter or any other notice from the Office of Teacher Education Services. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to clinical teach, contact your advisor or the Director of Clinical Teaching.

4. Where can I clinical teach?
UTSA works with most school districts in the San Antonio area. Placements are not available in private schools or charter schools. At the meeting to explain the application procedures, you will be given a list of available districts. It is expected that the clinical teaching component of the certification program will be completed through UTSA.

5. Can I take another class and clinical teach?
Clinical teaching is a full time commitment. Once you have been placed in a school, the children in the classroom to which you’ve been assigned will be depending on you for instruction and guidance. Therefore, you are strongly discouraged from working and/or taking additional classes during the clinical teaching semester. Under no circumstances will you be allowed to enroll in additional coursework during the clinical teaching semester that exceeds six semester credit hours or in classes that meet during the regular instructional day.

6. When will I find out where I am clinical teaching?
You will meet with the Director of Clinical Teaching on the first day of class for the semester in which you are clinical teaching. At that meeting, you will be provided with the name of your school and cooperating teacher. Check the clinical teaching website for details concerning date, time, and place of the First Day Meeting.

7. For which clinical teaching course should I register?
Approximately one week before registration begins, check the clinical teaching website for information regarding specific courses and sections to register for.

8. What if I have questions about clinical teaching?
If you have questions about clinical teaching, please call the Teacher Education Services office at 210-458-5420 or visit the Teacher Education Services Office in Main Building 3.310.