

Teaching MA - Assessment Plan
Summary

Teaching MA

Program Quality and Effectiveness

Goal Description:

Post baccalaureate teacher candidates will demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to satisfy the state certification requirements through performance on administered exams.

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Research

Learning Objective Description:

90 percent of our MA students will make a proficient grade on their capstone.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Certification Exam

Indicator Description:

All candidates seeking initial certification, advanced teacher certification, or certifications for other school personnel must take one or more of the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). The Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Certification Examination is required of all certification candidates. The remaining examinations directly correspond to the state content competencies that have been identified for the certification desired. These content competencies are aligned with and based on the appropriate state standards and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) statements, which describe the state mandated curriculum for students. Each TExES examination is criterion-referenced and is designed to measure a candidate's level of content knowledge and skills appropriate for educators in the State of Texas. Each test was collaboratively developed by the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC), National Evaluation Systems, Inc. (NES), an independent corporation specializing in educational measurements, with additional participation by committees of Texas educators. Individual test items developed to measure the state competencies were reviewed and rated by the various committees of Texas educators to ensure appropriateness of content and difficulty, clarity, and accuracy. These committees also ensured that the test items matched the appropriate competencies and were free from potential ethnicity, gender, and regional biases. The committees also helped prepare scoring rubrics for written response items and training materials for those who would score the tests.

Criterion Description:

90 percent of our MA students will pass their certification exam.

Findings Description:

Greater than 90% of the students in the MA program passed the exam successfully.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

PPR Exam

Action Description:

Program faculty will review the PPR preparation materials to ensure that they are addressing the areas where candidates are less successful.

Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement

Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

At least 90 percent of the MA students will pass the PPR exam.

Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

More than 90 percent of the MA students passed the PPR exam.

Plan for Continuous Improvement

Closing Summary:

Program faculty will review the PPR preparation materials to ensure that the areas where students were less successful have the necessary information.