



## **RRHEC Early Childhood-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (EC-6) ESL Generalist Undergraduate Advising Information**

Texas State University-San Marcos offers classes in the Williamson County area (just north of Austin) at the Round Rock Higher Education Center (RRHEC). The RRHEC is housed in the Avery Building, which was completed in August 2005. The Avery Building is located on University Boulevard in Round Rock, approximately 2-3 miles east of Interstate 35.

This packet contains information for those without a 4-year college degree (undergraduates) who want to become elementary school teachers. The Texas State RRHEC program offers certification to teach in a regular Pre-Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Other certifications are available at Texas State University in San Marcos. Contact the College of Education Undergraduate Advising Center, at 512-245-3050 for more information.

This packet provides information about which classes to take at a junior/community college (e.g., Austin Community College--ACC, Temple Junior College--TJC) and about transferring to Texas State University-San Marcos at the RRHEC location for the last 2 years. Upon graduating from Texas State, you will have a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies and have met the coursework requirement for the **EC-6/ESL Generalist** certification. For more information about certifications in Texas, refer to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) website included in this packet.

**Please read all of the information in the packet before contacting the appropriate advisor.**

This 6-page packet includes:

- *Advisors* to contact by e-mail or phone.
- *Useful Websites* for more information, including the Texas State (TxSt) Transfer Course Equivalencies.
- *Worksheet for Advisement.* Lists the classes required for degree completion and indicates:
  1. Which courses are available through TxSt at the RRHEC (those listed as “No equiv”)
  2. Equivalent courses at ACC or TJC for this degree (74 hrs. is the maximum junior college hours that may be transferred into this degree plan)
- “*When do I begin the RRHEC teacher preparation program?*” diagrams a student for 5 semesters at ACC and illustrates when to apply to TxSt for classes at the RRHEC.
- *Frequently Asked Questions*

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## Advising for the Undergraduate RRHEC EC-6/ESL Generalist program:

<i>Students transferring to the RRHEC from a 2-or 4-year college for the EC-6/ESL Generalist:</i>	Ms. Sheresa Edgington, Academic Advisor; se14@txstate.edu; (512)-716-4034
<i>Students wanting undergraduate certification other than the EC-6/ESL Generalist at RRHEC:</i> <b>Program offerings in San Marcos:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EC-6/ESL Generalist; Bilingual Generalist</li> <li>▪ All-level (EC-12) Special Education</li> <li>▪ 4-8 Generalist; English/Language Arts &amp; Social Studies; Math; Science; Math &amp; Science composite</li> <li>▪ Other All-level &amp; 8-12 certifications (*see specific department)</li> </ul>	Texas State University-San Marcos College of Education Undergraduate Advising Center <b>(in San Marcos, TX)</b>  (512)-245-3050
<i>Students wanting other Bachelor's degree programs at RRHEC (e.g., Business, Psychology):</i>	Nancy Arnold (512)-716-4040

### Useful Websites:

Texas State University-San Marcos @ RRHEC	<a href="http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu">http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu</a>
Texas State University-San Marcos	<a href="http://www.txstate.edu">http://www.txstate.edu</a>
TxSt College of Education	<a href="http://www.education.txstate.edu">http://www.education.txstate.edu</a>
Department of Curriculum and Instruction	<a href="http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/">http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/</a>
TxSt College of Education Advising Center	<a href="http://www.education.txstate.edu/advising">www.education.txstate.edu/advising</a>
Office of Educator Preparation	<a href="http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep">www.education.txstate.edu/oep</a>
TxSt Admissions	<a href="http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/">http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/</a>
TxSt Undergraduate Catalog	<a href="http://www.txstate.edu/academicaffairs/catalog/catalogindex.html">http://www.txstate.edu/academicaffairs/catalog/catalogindex.html</a>
TxSt Financial Aid	<a href="http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/">http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/</a>
TxSt Correspondence Courses	<a href="http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu">http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu</a>
TxSt CatsWeb (for various <u>student services</u> )	<a href="http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/catsstud.htm">http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/catsstud.htm</a>
<b>**Transfer Equivalencies (How classes from other colleges will transfer to TxSt)**</b>	<a href="http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e00000_wb0.htm">http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e00000_wb0.htm</a>
State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC)	<a href="http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/">http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/</a>
TEGES/ExCET test information	<a href="http://www.texas.ets.org/">http://www.texas.ets.org/</a>
Austin Community College	<a href="http://www.austincc.edu/">http://www.austincc.edu/</a>
Temple Junior College, Taylor Center	<a href="http://www.templejc.edu/taylor/taylor.htm">http://www.templejc.edu/taylor/taylor.htm</a>

Texas State University-San Marcos College of Education: Round Rock Higher Education Center

**Bachelor of Science with major in Interdisciplinary Studies—RRHEC only  
Early Childhood - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Generalist (EC-6) ESL Generalist Major Code: 225.52**

Worksheet for Advisement Purposes Only – Not an Official Outline

**(NOTE: This outline is subject to revision due to State-mandated changes or local policy changes)**

**CORE CURRICULUM**

TxSt Prefix & Course <sup>(Core)</sup>	ACC #	TJC #	Grade	Hrs
ENG 1310 <sup>(10)</sup> *	1301	1301		3
ENG 1320 <sup>(10)</sup> *	1302	1302		3

ENG Lit <sup>(40)</sup>	see back	see back		3
HIST 1310 <sup>(60)</sup>	1301	1301		3
HIST 1320 <sup>(60)</sup>	1302	1302		3
POSI 2310 <sup>(70)</sup>	GOVT 2306	2301		3
POSI 2320 <sup>(70)</sup>	GOVT 2305	2302		3
MATH 1315 or 1319 <sup>^</sup> <sup>(20)</sup> *	1314 or 1324	1314 or 1324		3
COMM 1310 <sup>(11)</sup>	SPCH 1311/1321	SPCH 1311/1321		3
GEO 1310 <sup>(80)</sup>	GEOG 1303	GEOG 1303		3
PHYS 1310 <sup>(30)</sup> *	1405	1405		3
PHYS 1320 <sup>(30)</sup> *	1407			3
PHYS 1110 <sup>(30)</sup> *	1405(lab)	1405(lab)		1
PHIL 1305 or 1320 <sup>(41)</sup>	1301 or 2306	1301 or 2306		3
Fine Arts 2313 <sup>(50)</sup>	HUMA 1301	see back		3
PFW Act <sup>(90)</sup>	1hr KINE	1hr PHED		1
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<b>Total</b>				<b>45</b>

✓ For this degree, you must take two semesters of the same foreign language UNLESS you took two years of the same foreign language in high school.

\* = Must be completed with "C" or better.

**ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Prefix & Course	ACC #	TJC #	Grade	Hrs
PE or HED 3321	No equiv	No equiv		3
ARTT 3370 MU 3370 TH 3370	ARTS 1301/1311 <sup>^</sup>	ARTS 1301/1311 <sup>^</sup>		9
	MUSI 1301	MUSI 1301		
	DRAM 1351 <sup>^</sup>	DRAM 1351 <sup>^</sup>		
<b>Total</b>				<b>12</b>

<sup>^</sup> = Substitutions/exceptions allowed for RRHEC-designated students only (must be pursuing EC-6/ESL Generalist @ RRHEC).

Total minimum hours for graduation is 127. **Note:** Graduation with honors requires a minimum of 60 TxSt hours—this worksheet contains only 54 TxSt hours (education courses).

Last Name _____
First Name _____
Permanent Area code / Phone _____
Texas State ID# (or SSN) _____
E-mail (for advising) _____

**PEDAGOGY & PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY \*  
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR \***

Prefix & Course	ACC #	TJC #	Grade	Hrs
BIO 1320	1309			3
GS 3310	see back <sup>^</sup>	see back <sup>^</sup>		3
GS 3320	see back <sup>^</sup>	see back <sup>^</sup>		3
MATH 2311	1350	1350		3
MATH 2312	1351	1351		3
FCD 3355 or 3359	see back <sup>^</sup>	see back <sup>^</sup>		3
<b>ECE 4300</b>	No equiv	No equiv		3
<b>CI 3310</b>	EDUC 1301	No equiv		3
<b>CI 3315</b>	No equiv	No equiv		3
<b>CI 3332</b>	No equiv	No equiv		3
<b>CI 4360</b>	No equiv	No equiv		3
<b>RDG 3315</b>	No equiv	No equiv		3
<b>RDG 3320</b>	No equiv	No equiv		3
<b>RDG 3321</b>	No equiv	No equiv		3
<b>RDG 4320</b>	EDUC 2301	No equiv		3
<b>Total</b>				<b>45</b>

Prefix & Course	ACC #	TJC #	Grade	Hrs
ECE 4310	No equiv	No equiv		3
ECE 4352	No equiv	No equiv		3
CI 4325	No equiv	No equiv		3
CI 4325	No equiv	No equiv		3
CI 4355	No equiv	No equiv		3
SPED 4344	No equiv	No equiv		3
EDST 4687	No equiv	No equiv		6
<b>Total</b>				<b>24</b>

A maximum of 74 hours<sup>^</sup> from a Community/Junior College may be applied toward this degree. Classes may be taken by correspondence from Texas State at any time. Go to [www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu/](http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu/) for more information.

2.50 GPA is required for CI, ECE, RDG, SPED, ED courses. All courses in Interdisciplinary Studies Major and Pedagogy & Professional Responsibility must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

## APPROPRIATE COURSES FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE, FCD 3355/3359 and Fine Arts 2313

English Literature (Core 040)

FCD 3355/3359

Fine Arts Perspective (Core 050)

ACC #	TJC#	TxSt #	ACC #	TJC #	TxST #	ACC #	TJC#	TxSt #
ENG 2322	2322	2310	No equiv	No equiv	SOCI 3338*	HUMA 1301	No equiv	ART/MU/TH/DAN 2313
ENG 2323	2323	2320					Any 3-hr 050 course from ACC or TJC Core Curriculum 050: (may not satisfy more than Refer to Texas State one requirement, e.g. Transfer Equivalencies MUSI 1301, DRAM 1351) Website.	
ENG 2327	2327	2359						
ENG 2328	2328	2360						
ENG 2332	2332	2330						
ENG 2333	2333	2340						
ENG 2342	2370	ELNA						
ENG 2343		ELNA						

\*To be taken by correspondence studies through Texas State ([http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu/corr\\_course\\_offerings](http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu/corr_course_offerings)).

### APPROPRIATE SCIENCE CLASSES (RRHEC EC-6/ESL GEN. ONLY--FALL 2004 OR LATER)

In lieu of the GS 3310 and 3320, which do not have equivalents at ACC or TJC, students may take two of the following classes at **ACC**: CHEM 1405, BIOL 2306, BIOL 1408, BIOL 1409, GEOL 1305, GEOL 1403. At **TJC**, CHEM 1305 or 1405 (not both), CHEM 1311, BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, and GEOL 1303 are acceptable science substitutions. Always verify classes with the TxSt Transfer Course Equivalencies to avoid repeated and non-transferable courses:

([http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e000000\\_wb0.htm](http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e000000_wb0.htm)).

### GUIDELINES FOR ENROLLING IN TEXAS STATE COURSES @ RRHEC

To attend Texas State @ RRHEC, you can only have 6-18 hours left to take at ACC/TJC: 6 hours if beginning in Fall, up to 18 hours for Spring. Of your last 30 hours, only six (6) can be taken outside of Texas State. Special permission is required to take more than 6 hours outside of Texas State from the last 30 hours towards the degree and permission is not usually given.

#### General steps for enrolling in Education courses @ RRHEC (subject to change)

1. Complete a minimum of 60-70 hours from those courses listed on the front of this worksheet.
2. Apply and be accepted for admission to Texas State University at least one long semester prior to starting @ RRHEC.
3. After Core Block approval, register for "Semester One" courses (see below for suggested course sequence) during the appropriate period. \*\*Space availability in the RRHEC Core Block is limited--admission to Texas State does NOT guarantee Block availability.

### RRHEC BLOCK AND COURSE SEQUENCE (EC-6/ESL Generalist only)

**Semester One (fall or spring only):** Check the TxSt schedule for class days and times. These classes are usually taken together: CI 3310, CI 3315, RDG 4320, CI 4355, ECE 4300 (Core block)

**Semester Two (fall or spring):** These classes are usually taken together: CI 3332, ECE 4352, ECE 4310, CI 4350 and CI 4360

\* A GPA of 2.50, and a "C" or better in ENG 1310, 1320, and MATH 1315/1319 are required.

**Semester Three (fall or spring, plus summer):** You will have various classes to take at the RRHEC. We recommend that you consider substitute teaching during this semester on days you have available. Some classes will be taken during the summer semesters also. The Education courses will include: RDG 3321, RDG 3320, RDG 3315, CI 4325, SPED 4344, PE/HED 3321  
\*Attend the MANDATORY Student Teaching Roundup at the start of this semester. This begins the student teaching application process.

\*Take the appropriate **practice TExES exams** during this semester. Refer to the education website (<http://www.education.txstate.edu/>) for additional information.

**Semester Four (fall or spring):** Student Teaching: EDST 4687. You will teach all day, M-F, and should not take any other courses this semester. The S.T. semester is full-time, 6 hours credit, and is NOT a paid teaching position.

\***Apply on-line for graduation through CatsWeb at the start of the semester. See schedule of classes for deadline.**

\***Take required TExES exams: Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility EC-6/ESL Tests.**

\*Upon completion of ALL certification requirements (student teaching, graduation, passing TExES scores), apply for certification on-line. Refer to Certification application procedures online at <http://www.education.txstate.edu/directorypages/advising.html>.

Students are ultimately responsible for knowing and fulfilling all University, College, Major and Certification requirements. Failure to meet requirements and stated deadlines may delay graduation. Students who, at any time, are unsure about academic requirements towards the degree/certification are encouraged and expected to meet with an advisor, adhering to the posted advising schedules and procedures. This worksheet is intended as a quick and easy guide for your degree/certification but does not substitute for a Degree Audit Report (DAR). It is important that you meet with an advisor and refer to all information given to you throughout the course of your tenure at Texas State. Students are also encouraged to refer to the Undergraduate Texas State Catalog and Schedule of Classes for additional official information and semester calendars. The College of Education website (<http://www.education.txstate.edu/>) may provide answers to most questions students have about major and certification requirements.

For additional information: Contact Ms. Sheresa Edgington via email at [se14@txstate.edu](mailto:se14@txstate.edu) or by phone (512-716-4034). You may also visit the RRHEC website at <http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu/> or call us at 512-716-4000 if you have additional questions

## When do I begin the Texas State RRHEC undergraduate education program?

The following is an example (using ACC classes) of how to determine when to begin the EC-6/ESL Generalist program at RRHEC. These courses do not have to be taken in this order. This is only an example and is subject to change in accordance with university and state requirements.

Semesters at ACC (example):				
Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 2	Fall Semester 3	Spring Semester 4	Fall Semester 5
ENG 1301* HIS 1301* MATH 1314/1324* PHYS 1405 ART 1301/1311	ENG 1302* HIS 1302* SPCH 1311 PHYS 1407 HUMA 1301*	ENG literature* GOVT 2305* MATH 1350 BIOL 1309* KINE activity (1 hr.)	GOVT 2306* GEOG 1303 MATH 1351 DRAM 1351 KINE activity (1 hr.)	general science (3 hrs. from pg 4 list) general science (3 hrs. from pg 4 list) MUSI 1301 PHIL 1301*
<b>Remaining non-RRHEC Classes</b> FCD 3355/3359 or approved Elective (3 hrs.)*		<b><u>None</u> of the above are available through TxSt @ RRHEC; they are all <i>non-RRHEC courses!</i></b>  * = Available through Texas State Correspondence ** = <b>TxState Foreign Language Requirement:</b> 2 yrs. of the same foreign language in high school, or 2 semesters of the same foreign language for college credit		

### Texas State University RRHEC EC-6/ESL Generalist Program

Students who attend summer school will be ready to begin the RRHEC program sooner than those who do not. The information below will help you determine when to apply to Texas State.

**Remember: The maximum junior college hours that can be applied towards this degree is 74 hours.** Therefore, some of the classes above (non-RRHEC courses) **MUST** be taken from Texas State University-San Marcos, other 4-year colleges/universities, or through Texas State Correspondence. Correspondence courses can be taken at any time but require a separate application process. Information on correspondence courses can be found at: <http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu/>

#### **6 or fewer non-RRHEC hours remaining?**

You must be accepted to Texas State and approved by the Curriculum & Instruction Dept. to register for the Core Block education courses (4 of the first 5 classes). Acceptance to Texas State is **NOT** automatic approval for the Core Block, and does **NOT** guarantee the availability of RRHEC education courses!

#### **More than 6 non-RRHEC hours, but less than 18 non-RRHEC hours remaining?**

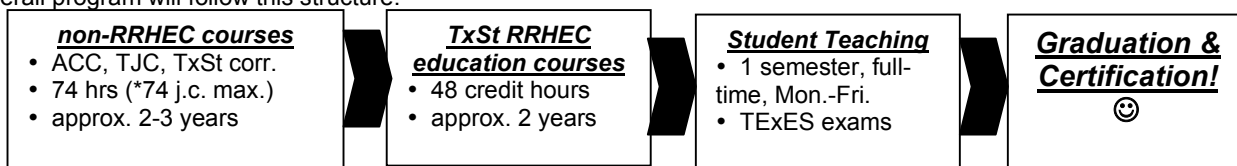
You must be accepted to Texas State and approved by the Curriculum & Instruction Dept. to register for the Core Block education courses (4 of the first 5 classes). Acceptance to TxState is **NOT** automatic approval for the Core Block, and does **NOT** guarantee the availability of RRHEC education courses!

Follow *EC-6/ESL Generalist coursework @ RRHEC for Fall/Spring* (see next page).

The remaining non-RRHEC hours will be taken during summer school when you are not attending RRHEC classes. \*Remember that in order to graduate from TXST, 24 of your last 30 hours must be from TxState.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- ✓ **What is this degree offered through the RRHEC?** The B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. Completion of this program allows you to apply for certification to teach in a standard pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom (EC-6/ESL Generalist).
- ✓ **What if I want to teach a different grade level or subject?** The EC-6/ESL Generalist is the only undergraduate teacher preparation program offered at the RRHEC. For other certification levels, you would need to attend Texas State in San Marcos.
- ✓ **Do I take all my classes at the RRHEC?** No. The only TxSt classes at RRHEC are upper division courses and they are indicated on the worksheet as "No equiv". ALL other courses for this degree must be completed through other institutions or correspondence (non-RRHEC courses). Typically, courses are taken through junior colleges such as ACC, TJC, or through Texas State correspondence.
- ✓ **Does ACC have classes at the RRHEC?** Yes, ACC does offer some freshmen/sophomore-level courses at the Avery Building. Remember that classes offered by ACC follow their guidelines, regulations, registration, etc. These classes must still be transferred to TxST to count towards the B.S. degree, and they count as junior college hours.  
 \*74 hours is the maximum number of junior college (2-year) hours you can apply towards this degree. If all your non-RRHEC coursework is done at a junior college, you may need at least two extra courses from a 4-year institution.
- ✓ **Are all the classes at night?** No. Typically, only a few courses in the EC-6/ESL Generalist program will be offered in the evening.
- ✓ **When do I start at the RRHEC?** The diagram (pg.5) describes a typical outline for degree completion. In general, the overall program will follow this structure:



- ✓ **How do I apply to the program at the RRHEC?** You must be accepted for admission through the Texas State University-San Marcos Undergraduate Admissions Office (<http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/>). You must contact the Round Rock advisor one long semester before you want to begin your education courses. There is no separate application to take courses at the RRHEC.
- ✓ **I've been admitted to Texas State University. What's next?**
  - You must be accepted to Texas State University and make an appointment with Academic Advisor at Round Rock.
  - You must be of junior standing (completed at least 60 hours) or higher and eligible to take upper-division courses (3000-4000 level).
  - You must have completed a minimum of 60-70 hours from the enclosed advising worksheet (i.e., be of Junior standing). However, it is suggested that you have no more than 6 hours of non-RRHEC courses left to complete if you start in a fall semester (no more than 18 hours for a Spring start).
  - You should have at least a 2.50 GPA overall.
  - Advance Registration occurs in the previous long semester: i.e., Fall '09 registration takes place in Spring '09.
  - Approval to enter the block courses does NOT mean you are registered. You must register for the courses during the appropriate registration period.
  - Due to class-size limitations, approximately 40 - 49 students will be able to enroll for the Block each semester.  
 \*Acceptance into Texas State does NOT guarantee you will have a seat in the Core Block. Once the block is filled, applications will still be taken; however, availability will not be determined until Late Registration, if spaces exist.
- ✓ **Do I have to Student Teach, even if I have prior classroom experience?** Yes, Student Teaching (EDST 4687) is required. Student Teaching will be the last semester of the program, and it is non-paid. Exceptions are rare and must have prior approval from Ms. Carolyn McCall, Department of Curriculum and Instruction ([cm06@txstate.edu](mailto:cm06@txstate.edu)).
- ✓ **I already have a Bachelor's degree but need to earn my teacher certification. Is this program right for me?** No. If you already possess a BA/BS from an accredited U.S. college or university, you should pursue teacher certification through a Texas State *Post-Baccalaureate* Certification program. Contact the Office of Educator Preparation for more information, [www.education.txstate.edu/oep](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep), via phone at 512.245.7880.