DECLARATION OF PROGRAM
Texas State University – College of Education Advising Center

4-8 Science

Degree: Bachelor of Science (BS)
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies (ICI)
Certification: 4-8 Science (48S)
Catalog Year: __________________________
Optional Minor: __________________________

Student Information

Name: ________________________________ Texas State ID: [A0] Effective Semester: ____________

- Initial Declaration (New Student Orientation)
- Readmitted Student (New Student Orientation)
- Change from previous program: ______________________________________________________

I understand that:

- The decision to change to a different major or program now or in a future semester will likely result in additional hours required for degree completion and delayed graduation and could potentially result in tuition for excessive attempted hours.
- School districts will conduct background checks for students enrolling in field experiences and student teaching and have the right to deny any person entry to schools based on those results. I am encouraged to discuss any concerns about this with the Office of Educator Preparation at the time of declaration into this program.
- The Field-Based Block and Student Teaching semesters are both unpaid experiences that take place outside of the Texas State campus and are integral requirements for graduation in this program. I am responsible for obtaining transportation to school placements. Transportation and/or financial challenges are not justification for having these requirements waived or altered.
- Reasonable and appropriate accommodations may be provided in field placements for students with documented disabilities who are registered with the Office of Disability Services. Accommodations cannot pose an undue burden to the university or the field placement. Students are responsible for disclosing disabilities and requesting accommodations as far in advance of the field placement as possible so that accommodations can be coordinated in a timely manner.
- A 2.75 Overall GPA, 2.50 Major GPA, and 2.0 Texas State GPA are required for graduation from this program.
- An Overall GPA of 2.75 is required for enrollment in all Teacher Preparation sequence coursework. Additionally, admittance to the Teacher Preparation Program is required prior to registration for or enrollment in the Field-Based Blocks.
- I will be held to the admittance requirements active at the time that I apply to the program, which may differ due to state mandates from the curriculum as it appears now.
- ‘C’s or better are required in all Major (see Degree Audit) and Teacher Preparation (CI, ECE, RDG, SPED) sequence coursework.
- All other coursework should be completed prior to the Student Teaching semester.
- Teacher Certification will be issued by the Texas Education Agency and is contingent upon graduation (completion of degree requirements including Student Teaching and awarding of degree by Texas State’s Registrar’s Office), passing score on required TExES exams, and application for certification.
- In order to achieve timely degree progress, the Science sequence of coursework should be started as early as possible. Specifically, CHEM 1341/1141, CHEM 1342/1142, BIO 1330/1130, and BIO 1331/1131 should be completed as early as possible in order to meet prerequisites for BIO 2450 Genetics; BIO 1330/1130 and BIO 1331/1131 additionally are required prerequisites for BIO 2411.
- BIO 4305 Nature Study or BIO 4408 Science Processes and Research should be taken only in the long semester immediately preceding EDST 4680 Student Teaching.
- Some upper-level Biology courses required in this program have limited offerings and are scheduled on a rotational basis (fall only or spring only). Students are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor on a regular basis to ensure appropriate advance planning and to make adjustments to their long-range plans if necessary.
- In order to graduate with honors, I must complete a minimum of 54 Texas State credit hours and earn a Texas State GPA of 3.40 or higher.
- Regardless of catalog year, I will be held to current academic policies and course prerequisites which are subject to change.

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________
Advisor Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________