I understand that:

- The decision to change to a different major or program now or in the 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.
- The school settings required for field experiences and student teaching may pose challenges for students with certain disabilities. I should discuss any necessary accommodations with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the Office of Educator Preparation at the time of declaration into this program to determine whether any required accommodations can be met in those settings.
- 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 ESL or 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.
- Regardless of catalog year, I will be held to current academic policies and course prerequisites which are subject to change.
- To be recommended for certification, I must pass all required exams for this program:
  
  (1) Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility
  (2) All-Level Special Education
  (3) EC-6 Generalist
  (4) ESL Supplemental

- Candidates holding All-Level Special Education certification alone are eligible only to teach in a self-contained or higher need setting (‘Life Skills’); additional certification in a content area is required for eligibility to teach in an inclusion or resource setting. This degree program includes a content area certification of EC-6 ESL Generalist, which will lead to ‘highly qualified’ status and eligibility to teach in an inclusion or resource setting in addition to self-contained or higher need settings. Students wanting to teach in a secondary (high school) inclusion setting should consider the option of declaring a 2nd teaching field.