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 6th 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, Central Texas College - CTC) 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 CTC 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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Texas State University-San Marcos--Round Rock Higher Education Center (RRHEC)  
1555 University Boulevard  
Round Rock, TX  78665-8017  
Phone: (512)-716-4000    Fax: (512)-716-4510  
Directions to the RRHEC: [http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu/about/sites.html](http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu/about/sites.html)

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

| Students transferring to the RRHEC from a 2- or 4-year college for the EC-6/ESL Generalist: | Ms. Sheresa Edgington, Academic Advisor; se14@txstate.edu; (512)-716-4034 |
| Students wanting undergraduate certification other than the EC-6/ESL Generalist at RRHEC: | Texas State University-San Marcos College of Education Undergraduate Advising Center (in San Marcos, TX) (512)-245-3050 eduadvising@txstate.edu |

Program offerings in San Marcos:
- EC-6/ESL Generalist; Bilingual Generalist
- All-level (EC-12) Special Education
- 4-8 Generalist; English/Language Arts & Social Studies; Math; Science; Math & Science composite
- Other All-level & 8-12 certifications (*see specific department)

Students wanting other Bachelor’s degree programs at RRHEC (e.g., Business, Psychology): (512)-716-4040

Useful Websites:
- Texas State University-San Marcos @ RRHEC [http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu](http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu)
- Texas State University-San Marcos [http://www.txstate.edu](http://www.txstate.edu)
- TxSt College of Education [http://www.education.txstate.edu](http://www.education.txstate.edu)
- Department of Curriculum and Instruction [http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/](http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/)
- TxSt College of Education Advising Center [www.education.txstate.edu/advising](http://www.education.txstate.edu/advising)
- Office Educator Preparation [www.education.txstate.edu/oep](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep)
- TxSt Admissions [http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/](http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/)
- TxSt Undergraduate Catalog [http://www.txstate.edu/academicaffairs/catalog/catalogindex.html](http://www.txstate.edu/academicaffairs/catalog/catalogindex.html)
- TxSt Financial Aid [http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/](http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/)
- TxSt Correspondence Courses [http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu](http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu)
- TxSt CatsWeb (for various student services) [http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/catsstud.htm](http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/catsstud.htm)
- **Transfer Equivalencies (How classes from other colleges will transfer to TxSt)** [http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e00000_00_wb0.htm](http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e00000_00_wb0.htm)
- State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) [http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/](http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/)
- TExES/ExCET test information [http://www.texas.ets.org/](http://www.texas.ets.org/)
- Austin Community College [http://www.austincc.edu](http://www.austincc.edu)
- Temple Junior College, Taylor Center [http://www.templejc.edu/taylor/taylor.htm](http://www.templejc.edu/taylor/taylor.htm)

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CORE CURRICULUM

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* 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.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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^ = 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 57 TxsT hours. (education courses)
For additional information:  Contact Ms. Sheresa Edgington via email at sheresa.edgington@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.

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None of the above are available through TxSt @ RRHEC; they are all non-RRHEC courses!

* = Available through Texas State Correspondence

** = TxState Foreign Language Requirement: 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/](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 Texas State 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 6th 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 TTxST 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, these classes are taken through junior colleges such as ACC, CTC, or through Texas State correspondence.

✓ Does ACC have classes at the RRHEC? No. ACC does offer some freshmen/sophomore-level courses at their Round Rock campus. 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.

✓ 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:

- **non-RRHEC courses**
  - ACC, CTC, TTxST corr.
  - 74 hrs (*74 j.c. max.)
  - approx. 2-3 years

- **T TxST RRHEC education courses**
  - 57 credit hours
  - approx. 2 years

- **Student Teaching**
  - 1 semester, full-time, Mon.-Fri.
  - TExES exams

- **Graduation & Certification!**

✓ 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. You will be required to attend a Saturday seminar to learn about the requirements to get admitted to Teacher Education. 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, and be admitted into Teacher Preparation.
  - 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 2.75 GPA overall.
  - Advance Registration occurs in the previous long semester; i.e., Fall '11 registration takes place in Spring '11.
  - 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).

✓ 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/opep, via phone at 512.245.7880.