Preparing for the PPR & Generalist/Core Subjects TExES

There are many resources to help you prepare for and be successful on the state teacher certification exams (TExES).

The first resources you should become familiar with are the free Educational Testing Service (ETS) preparation materials. Go to www.texas.ets.org/prepMaterials/ to find the manual specific to the exam for which you are preparing. These manuals give you the best idea of the type of material that is covered in the actual TExES, with several practice questions for each competency.

- **Tests at a Glance**—these documents give you a quick overview of the test. Go to http://www.texas.ets.org/texes/prepmaterials/tests-at-a-glance/.
- **Test Familiarization Videos** provide information about how to get ready to take a test and what it’s like to take a test. Go to http://www.texas.ets.org/texes/prepmaterials/test-familiarization-videos/.
- **Interactive Practice Tests** are full-length practice tests that include correct answers, explanations for correct answers and an automatic score summary report.
- **Strategy and Tips** include booklets containing general information about preparing for and taking a test, including reducing test anxiety. Go to http://www.texas.ets.org/texes/prepmaterials/strategy-and-tips/.

The next step in preparing for the state exam(s) is to take a full-length practice exam, developed by TEA and ETS. You will take the ETS practice exams for your PPR and content area(s) in TCED 4100, Senior Seminar EC-12. You may also take these same ETS practice tests through the State Assessments Coordinator for the School of Education, who administers them about once a month. Check the state exams bulletin board outside the SOE Advising Office, Bayou 1231, or go online to find the latest practice test dates: http://www.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/SOE/

If you feel you need additional preparation for an exam, you might want to use one of the resources from the following lists. Some of these resources are free, some are not. They are not listed in any particular order and none are recommended over any others.

**PREPARATION RESOURCES FOR PEDAGOGY & PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (PPR) EC-12 EXAM**

2. Barron’s TExES, by Frances van Tassell and Betty Crocker. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk. This text is used in TCED 4100, Senior Seminar EC-12.
7. **Texas Certification Exam Review for Teachers (T-CERT)**. Online review presentations, videos, chat sessions, and practice questions for EC-12 PPR. Go to http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/.
8. **Passing the PPR TExES Exam for EC-12 Teachers**, by Elaine Wilmore and Amy Burkan, Corwin/Sage.
9. **Mometrix Test Preparation for EC-12 PPR**. Go to www.mometrix.com/texes
10. **240 Tutoring Study Guide** for EC-12 PPR. Go to www.240tutoring.com
11. http://quizlet.com/subject/texes/ for flash cards, games, and practice tests for the EC-12 PPR.
12. **TExES Study Sessions**. Study guide for PPR EC-12 TExES. Go to www.texasstudy.com
13. **TExES Master** study aid for PPR TExES. Call 409-962-3100, or Google TExES Master.
### PREPARATION RESOURCES FOR GENERALIST/CORE SUBJECTS EC-6 & 4-8 EXAMS

1. **ETS Preparation Manuals for all content tests.**


3. **Pass the TExES Generalist EC-6, Pass the TExES Generalist 4-8, Pass the TExES Core Subjects EC-6, and Pass the Core Subjects 4-8 hardcopy books and Ebooks,** EdPublishing & Consulting. EC-6 Generalist guide available for checkout at Neumann Library reserve desk.


6. **TExES Early Childhood through Grade 6 Test Prep Sessions,** offered by Harris County Department of Education. Go to [www.hcde-texas.org](http://www.hcde-texas.org).


8. **XAMonline Booster Manuals for specific domains of EC-6 Generalist, EC-6 Bilingual Generalist, and EC-6/ESL Generalist certification exams:**
   - **Social Studies Domain:**
   - **English Language Arts & Reading Domain:**
   - **Mathematics Domain:**
   - **Science Domain:**

9. **The Best Teachers’ Preparation for the TExES #191 Generalist EC-6,** by Luis A. Rosado. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.

10. **Free computer-administered Generalist EC-6 practice exam** for UHCL students, by certiftyteacher.com/Simulados. Loaded onto specific workstations in open computer lab Bayou 3606 and SSCB 2nd floor computer lab. Lab staff person will show you to appropriate workstation(s). Lab hours: M-Th, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; F&S, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

11. **240Tutoring** online study guide for Core Subjects EC-6, Generalist EC-6, Core Subjects 4-8 and Generalist 4-8. Go to [www.240tutoring.com](http://www.240tutoring.com).

12. **240Tutoring** online study guides for individual domains of Core Subjects EC-6/Genericist EC-6 & Core Subjects 4-8/Genericist 4-8: Domain I—ELAR; Domain II—Math; Domain III—Social Studies; Domain IV—Science; Domain V—Health/PE/Fine Arts (EC-6 only). Go to [www.240tutoring.com](http://www.240tutoring.com).


16. **Textbooks** on the grade level and in the subject area you need to study (e.g., 4th grade Texas history, 1st grade math). Curriculum library located within Neumann Library has many to choose from.

17. **Online searches** for generic practice tests on specific grade levels and subject areas (e.g., Google 4th grade social studies tests, 2nd grade science, etc.).


23. **TExES Tutoring Services**—exam prep for Core Subjects EC-6 & 4-8, and for individual domains. Go to [www.texespreparation.com/texes_exam.html](http://www.texespreparation.com/texes_exam.html).

24. **TExES Master** study aid for EC-6 Generalist TExES. Call 409-962-3100, or Google TExES Master.

25. **Social Studies Content for Elementary and Middle School Teachers,** by Penelope Fritzer.