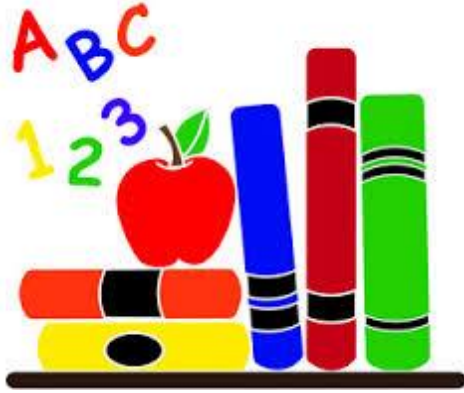


# Preparing for the PPR & Generalist/Core Subjects TEXES



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/](http://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://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/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://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/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.

Currently available for EC-12 PPR. Go to <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/interactive-practice-test/>.

- **Strategy and Tips** include booklets containing general information about preparing for and taking a test, including reducing test anxiety. Go to <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/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**

1. **TEXES Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12** (160) Interactive Practice Test (free). Go to <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/interactive-practice-test/>.
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.
3. *Becoming an EC-6 Teacher in Texas*, by Janice L. Nath and Myrna D. Cohen. Available for checkout at Neumann Library reserve desk.
4. *Pass the TEXES Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities EC-12*, EdPublishing & Consulting. Available for checkout at Neumann Library reserve desk.
5. *TEXES Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities EC-12 study guide, flash cards, and practice tests*, XAMonline, Inc. Go to <http://www.xamonline.com/p964/TEXES-Pedagogy-and-Professional-Responsibilities-EC12.htm>.
6. *The Best Test Preparation for the TEXES PPR*, by Stephen C. Anderson. Available for checkout at Neumann Library reserve desk.
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 Burkman, Corwin/Sage.
9. **Mometrix Test Preparation for EC-12 PPR**. Go to [www.mometrix.com/texas](http://www.mometrix.com/texas)
10. **240 Tutoring Study Guide** for EC-12 PPR. Go to [www.240tutoring.com](http://www.240tutoring.com)
11. <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> 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](http://www.texasstudy.com)
13. **TEXES Master** study aid for PPR TEXES. Call 409-962-3100, or Google TEXES Master.
14. **TEXES Tutoring Services**—exam prep for PPR EC-12. Go to [www.texaspreparation.com/texas\\_exam.html](http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_exam.html)

**PREPARATION RESOURCES FOR  
GENERALIST/CORE SUBJECTS EC-6 & 4-8  
EXAMS**

1. ETS Preparation Manuals for **all content** tests.  
<http://www.texas.ets.org/prepMaterials/>
2. **Preparing to Teach Texas Content Areas: The TExES EC-6 Generalist and the ESL Supplemental.** J. Nath and J. Ramsey, Pearson, 2011. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
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.
4. **TExES Generalist EC-6 Secrets & TExES Generalist 4-8 Secrets Study Guide.** Go to <http://www.mo-media.com/texas/>. EC-6 Guide available for checkout at Neumann Library.
5. **Ultimate Guide to the Generalist EC-6 TExES,** by Diane Bauer, Katherine Cezeaux, and Janet Scott. Go to <http://www.ultimatetexasguide.com/>.
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).
7. **TExES Generalist Essentials Edition** guidebooks, flashcards, and practice tests, by XAMonline, Inc. Go to [http://www.xamonline.com/teacher\\_certification\\_study\\_guides/Texas](http://www.xamonline.com/teacher_certification_study_guides/Texas).
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:**

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/texas-generalist-ec-6-191-social-studies-boost-edition-sharon-a-wynne/1030517551?ean=9781607871040&itm=20&usri=xamonline+texas>

**English Language Arts & Reading Domain:**

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/texas-generalist-ec-6-191-english-language-arts-and-reading-boost-edition-sharon-a-wynne/1103299372?ean=9781607871026&itm=34&usri=xamonline+texas>

**Mathematics Domain:**

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/texas-generalist-ec-6-191-mathematics-boost-edition-sharon-a-wynne/1103299373?ean=9781607871033&itm=6&usri=xamonline+texas>

**Science Domain:**

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/texas-generalist-ec-6-191-science-boost-edition-sharon-a-wynne/1030517552?ean=9781607871057&itm=7&usri=xamonline+texas>

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 certifyteacher.com/Simulados. Loaded onto specific workstations in open computer lab Bayou 3606 and SSCB 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/Generalist EC-6 & Core Subjects 4-8/Generalist 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).
13. **Pass the TExES Core Subjects EC-6 & Generalist EC-6,** by EdPublishing. Go to <http://www.passthetexas.com/index.php>.
14. **TExES Generalist EC-6,** by REA. Go to <http://store.rea.com/tstprep-teachcert-tx.html>.

15. Released TAKS/STAAR tests on the grade level and in the subject area you need to study. Use this website: [http://tea.texas.gov/news\\_release.aspx?id=25769815534&ekfxmen\\_noscript=1&ekfxmense=e9edebdf8\\_25769804222\\_25769804224](http://tea.texas.gov/news_release.aspx?id=25769815534&ekfxmen_noscript=1&ekfxmense=e9edebdf8_25769804222_25769804224).
16. **Textbooks** on the grade level and in the subject area you need to study (e.g., 4<sup>th</sup> grade Texas history, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies tests, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade science, etc.).
18. **Test questions** for Generalist EC-6 TExES via phone app called "Certified-in-a-flash." Go to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/certified-in-a-flash/id491579995?mt=8>
19. **Quizlet resources for Generalist EC-6 & 4-8:** Go to <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests.
20. **CliffsNotes TExES: Generalist EC-6.** Go to <http://www.hmhco.com/bookstore/authors/American-BookWorks-Corporation/14912171>. Available for checkout at Neumann Library reserve desk.
21. **Texas Certification Exam Review for Teacher (T-CERT).** Online review presentations, videos, chat sessions, and practice questions for Generalist EC-6. Go to <http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/>.
22. **TExES Exam Practice Questions** for Generalist EC-6 & 4-8, by TestPrepReview.com. Go to [www.testprepreview.com/texas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/texas_practice.htm).
23. **TExES Tutoring Services**—exam prep for Core Subjects EC-6 & 4-8, and for individual domains. Go to [www.texaspreparation.com/texas\\_exam.html](http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_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.