

# Preparing For the TExES

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

1. The first resources you should become familiar with are the free Educational Testing Service (ETS) preparation materials.
  - Preparation Manual for any Texas teacher certification test.\* 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 prepping. 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 domain.
  - **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/>.
  - **Supplemental Guide** for the BTLPT-Spanish. Use this in conjunction with the [Preparation Manual](#) for this test. Go to <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/supplemental-guides/>.
  - **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 only. 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/>.

2. The next step in preparing for the state exam(s) is to take an ETS full-length practice exam. If you are seeking your first certification, you will take ETS practice exams for your PPR and content area(s) in a course on your degree/certification plan—TCED 4010, 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, for the most current dates for these practice tests.
3. If you feel you need additional preparation for an exam, you might want to use one of the resources from the following list. Some of these resources are free, some are not. They are not listed in any particular order and none are recommended over any others.

## **PEDAGOGY & PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (PPR) Study Guides**

1. \*ETS Preparation Manual, #160 EC-12 PPR (free). <http://www.texas.ets.org/prepMaterials/>
2. \*\*TExES Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12 (160) Interactive Practice Test. Go to <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/interactive-practice-test/>.
3. Barron's *TExES*, by Frances van Tassell and Betty Crocker. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk. This is the text used in TCED 4010, Senior Seminar EC-12.
4. *Becoming an EC-6 Teacher in Texas*, by Janice L. Nath and Myrna D. Cohen. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
5. *Pass the TExES Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities EC-12*, EdPublishing & Consulting. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
6. *TExES Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities EC-12* XAMonline, Inc. Go to <http://www.xamonline.com/p964/TExES-Pedagogy-and-Professional-Responsibilities-EC12.htm>.
7. *The Best Test Preparation for the TExES PPR*, by Stephen C. Anderson. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
8. 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/>

9. *Passing the PPR TExES Exam for EC-12 Teachers*, by Elaine Wilmore and Amy Burkman, Corwin/Sage.
10. **Mometrix Test Preparation for EC-12 PPR**. Go to [www.mo-media.com/texas](http://www.mo-media.com/texas)
11. <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests for the EC-12 PPR.

## **CONTENT STUDY GUIDES**

1. \*ETS Preparation Manuals for **all content** tests. <http://www.texas.ets.org/prepMaterials/>
2. *Pass the TExES Generalist EC-6*, EdPublishing & Consulting. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
3. *TExES Generalist EC-6 Exam Secrets Study Guide*, Mometrix Media LLC. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
4. *Exam Edge Practice exams for 8-12 History, EC-12 Art, 4-8 ELAR, 8-12 ELAR, 4-8 Mathematics, 4-8 Science, 4-8 Social Studies, EC-12 Special Education, Principal, School Librarian, Reading Specialist, School Counselor* certifications. Go to <http://www.texashistory.com/>; click "Order Tests," and choose the test you want.
5. XAMonline, Inc. test prep books for many of the TExES content areas.
6. 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-awynne/1103299373?ean=9781607871033&itm=6&usri=xamonline+texas>

**Science Domain:**

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

7. *The Best Teachers' Preparation for the TExES #191 Generalist EC-6*, by Luis A. Rosado. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk
8. **Texas Certification Exam Review for Teachers (T-CERT)**. Online review presentations, videos, chat sessions, and practice questions for **4-8 and 8-12 Science; 4-8 and 8-12 Mathematics; EC-12 PPR; EC-12 SPED** certification exams. **ESL Supplemental and EC-6 Generalist** will be added summer 2012. <http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/>
9. Learning modules for **ESL and Spanish Bilingual** candidates: <http://www.slideshare.net/jheil65/ctel-module1-domain2-fall07> and <http://www.slideshare.net/mrounds5/ctel-module1-presentation>.
10. Pass the TExES **ESL Supplemental**, EdPublishing & Consulting. Go to [www.passthetexes.com](http://www.passthetexes.com).
11. **CertifyTeacher.com** software—exam prep for **EC-12 PPR, Principal, Superintendent, 8-12 ELAR, 8-12 History, ESL Supplemental, 8-12 Science, 4-8 Generalist, EC-12 SPED, EC-6 Generalist, ESL/Generalist EC-6, 4-8 Math, 4-8 ESL/Generalist, 8-12 SST, 8-12 Math, School Counselor, 4-8 SST, 4-8 ELAR, 4-8 Science**. Go to [www.certifyteacher.com](http://www.certifyteacher.com). *NOTE: The EC-6 Generalist, 4-8 Generalist, 8-12 SST, ESL Supplemental, Bilingual Supplemental, and EC-12 SPED software is loaded onto 2 workstations in the Bayou 3606 computer lab and 1 workstation in the SSCB computer lab for free use by UHCL students. Includes practice exams and flash cards.*
12. **240Tutoring** online resource for EC-6 Generalist, 4-8 Generalist, EC-12 Special Education, ESL Supplemental and EC-12 PPR. Go to [www.240tutoring.com](http://www.240tutoring.com)
13. **Ed Publishing resources: EC-6 Generalist, 4-8 & 8-12 ELAR, 4-8 & 8-12 Science, 4-8 & 8-12 History, 4-8 & 8-12 Social Studies**. Go to <http://www.passthetexes.com/index.php>.
14. **TExES Online Course**—test prep questions for **EC-12 Art, Bilingual Generalist, ELAR 4-8 & 8-12, EC-6 Generalist, 4-8 Generalist, 8-12 History, 8-12 Life Science, 4-8 & 8-12 Mathematics, Principal, School Counselor, Reading Specialist, School Librarian, 4-8 & 8-12 Science, 4-8 & 8-12 Social Studies, EC-12 SPED**. Go to [www.testprepreview.com/texas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/texas_practice.htm)
15. **REA Online resources for 4-8 & 8-12 Math, EC-6 Generalist, EC-6 Bilingual Generalist, PPR**: Go to [www.rea.com/search.cfm](http://www.rea.com/search.cfm)
16. **Mometrix Test Preparation resources—EC-12 Art, Bilingual, ESL, ELAR, Generalist, History, Life Science, Math, PPR, Principal Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Science, Social Studies, SPED**. Go to [www.mo-media.com/texas](http://www.mo-media.com/texas)
17. Released TAKS/STAAR tests on the grade level and in the subject area you need to study. Use this website: [http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=44&menu\\_id=793](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=44&menu_id=793)
18. Textbooks on the grade level and in the subject area you need to study (e.g., 9<sup>th</sup> grade geography, high school calculus). Curriculum library located within Neumann Library has many to choose from.
19. Online searches for generic practice tests on specific grade levels and subject areas (e.g., Google 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies tests, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Texas history tests, etc.).
20. Test questions for various TExES exams via phone app called "Certified-in-a-flash." Go to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/certified-in-a-flash/id491579995?mt=8>
21. Quizlet resources: Go to <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests in the following areas: EC-12 SPED; EC-6 Generalist; 8-12 ELAR; 8-12 History; EC-12 Art; 4-8 Social Studies; 4-8 Science; ESL Supplemental; 4-8 Generalist.
22. *TExES Bilingual Generalist EC-6: Are You Ready to Teach in Texas?* Luis Rosado & Margarita Lara, REA, 2012. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
23. *English Teacher Certification Exams in Texas: Strategies for Approaching ELA/Reading TExES Exams*, Beatrice Newman, Pearson, 2006. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
24. *TExES: Generalist EC-6 Test Prep*. CliffsNotes/Wiley Publishing Inc. 2010. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
25. *TExES Generalist EC-4 101*. Sharon Wynne, XAMonline, 2007. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
26. *Ultimate Guide to the Generalist EC-6 TExES*. The Big Yellow Book, Bauer, Cezeaux, & Scott, 2010. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
27. *Preparing to Teach Texas Content Areas*. J. Nath and J. Ramsey, Pearson, 2011. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
28. *Passing the Principal TExES Exam*. E. Wilmore, Corwin Press, 2003. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
29. Free resource developed by UH for 4-8 mathematics. Go to [www.online.math.uh.edu/texas4to8](http://www.online.math.uh.edu/texas4to8). This resource could be used by students seeking any EC-6 Generalist certification as well as the 4-8 mathematics certification.
30. *Everything You Need to Know About American History Homework*, Anne Zeman. Scholastic. Available in Neumann Library.
31. *Everything You Need to Know About Math Homework*, Anne Zeman, Scholastic. Available in Neumann Library.
32. *Everything You Need to Know About World History Homework*, Anne Zeman. Scholastic. Available in Neumann Library.
33. *Everything You Need to Know About Geography Homework*, Anne Zeman. Scholastic. Available in Neumann Library.
34. *Everything You Need to Know About Science Homework*, Anne Zeman. Scholastic. Available in Neumann Library.
35. *Everything You Need to Know About English Homework*. Anne Zeman. Scholastic. Available in Neumann Library.
36. *Essential U.S. History*, 3 copies in Neumann Library.
37. *World History*, 3 copies in Neumann Library.
38. *Basic Principles of American Government*, 3 copies in Neumann Library.
39. *Economics for Everybody*, 3 copies in Neumann Library.