

# Preparing for the Middle- and High-School Level Content 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 7-12 Mathematics and 7-12 Science 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/>.

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. You may also take

these same ETS practice tests when the State Assessments Coordinator for the School of Education 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 4-8 AND 7-12 CONTENT AREAS

### 4-8 & 7-12 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS & READING

1. **TExES ELAR 4-8 AND TExES ELAR 7-12 Secrets Study Guides.** Print and eBook. Go to <http://www.mo-media.com/texas/>.
2. **240Tutoring** online study guide for ELAR 4-8. Go to [www.240tutoring.com](http://www.240tutoring.com)
3. **TExES ELAR 4-8 and ELAR 7-12** study guides, flash cards, and practice test booklets, by XAMonline. Go to [http://www.xamonline.com/teacher\\_certification\\_study\\_guides/Texas](http://www.xamonline.com/teacher_certification_study_guides/Texas)
4. **The Essential Reading and Language Arts Glossary I.** Available in Neumann Library.
5. **TExES Exam Practice Questions** for ELAR 4-8 and 8-12, by TestPrepReview.com. Go to [www.testprepreview.com/texas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/texas_practice.htm).
6. **TExES Tutoring Services**—exam prep ELAR 4-8 and ELAR 7-12. Go to [www.texaspreparation.com/texas\\_exam.html](http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_exam.html).
7. **Free computer-administered ELAR 4-8 and ELAR 7-12 practice** exams for UHCL students, by certifyteacher.com/Simulados. Loaded onto 1 workstation in Bayou 3608 open computer lab. Sign in at front desk. Lab hours: M-Th, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; F&S, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
8. **Pass the TExES ELAR 4-8 and Pass the TExES ELAR 7-12**—print and eBooks, by EdPublishing & Consulting. Go to [www.passthetexas.com](http://www.passthetexas.com).
9. **Quizlet resources** for ELAR 4-8 and 7-12. Go to <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests.
10. **TExES Study Sessions.** Study guide for ELAR 4-8 TExES. Go to [www.texasstudy.com](http://www.texasstudy.com)
11. **Everything You Need to Know About English Homework**, by Anne Zeman, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries.
12. John & Hank Green Vlogs: Crash Course on English Literature <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOeEc9ME62zTfq0h6Pe8vb>
13. **Certified in a Flash!** Smartphone app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/certified-in-a-flash/id491579995?mt=8>
14. Free ELAR videos, webcasts: <http://www.readingrockets.org/teaching>

15. Free youtube videos on foundations of reading, phonemic awareness, phonics vs. phonemics, phonological awareness, etc.

### 7-12 HISTORY

1. **TExES History 7-12 Secrets Study Guides.** Print and eBook. Go to <http://www.mo-media.com/texas/>.
2. **TExES Exam Practice Questions** for History 8-12, by TestPrepReview.com. Go to [www.testprepreview.com/texas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/texas_practice.htm).
3. **The Essential Social Studies Glossary III.** Available in Neumann Library.
4. **TExES Tutoring Services**—exam prep History 7-12. Go to [www.texaspreparation.com/texas\\_exam.html](http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_exam.html).
5. **Pass the TExES History 7-12**—print and eBook, by EdPublishing & Consulting. Go to [www.passthetexas.com](http://www.passthetexas.com).
6. **Quizlet resources** for History 7-12. Go to <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests.
7. **Free computer-administered History 7-12 practice** exam for UHCL students, by certifyteacher.com/Simulados. Loaded onto specific workstations in Bayou 3606 open computer lab and SSCB 2<sup>nd</sup> floor computer lab. Lab staff person will show you to appropriate workstation. Lab hours: M-Th, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; F&S, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ELAR 4-8 online practice exam available for purchase at [www.certifyteacher.com](http://www.certifyteacher.com).
8. **Everything You Need to Know About Geography Homework**, by Anne Zeman, Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries.
9. **Everything You Need to Know About American History Homework**, by Anne Zeman, Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries.
10. **Everything You Need to Know About World History.** Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries.
11. John & Hank Green Vlogs: Crash Courses on U.S. History, World History, Government: <http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=crash+course+youtube+video&qvt=crash+course+you+tube+video&FORM=VDRE#view=detail&mid=2D13BBE8362CCCF8C8952D13BBE8362CCCF8C895>
12. **A Young People's Guide to U.S. History**, Howard Zinn: <http://www.amazon.com/Young-Peoples-History-United-States/dp/1583228691>
13. **Certified in a Flash!** Smartphone app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/certified-in-a-flash/id491579995?mt=8>
14. Texas History test prep: [http://www.tshaonline.org/tools/teks/teks4/teks\\_onpage.html](http://www.tshaonline.org/tools/teks/teks4/teks_onpage.html) and <http://www.texasbeyonhistory.net/kids/facts-new.html>

### 4-8 and 7-12 MATHEMATICS

1. **TExES Study Sessions.** Study guide for Math 4-8 and Math 7-12 TExES. Go to [www.texasstudy.com](http://www.texasstudy.com)

2. **TEXES Tutoring Services**—exam prep Mathematics 4-8 and Mathematics 7-12. Go to [www.texaspreparation.com/texas\\_exam.html](http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_exam.html).
3. **The Essential Mathematics Glossary I & II**. Available in Neumann Library.
4. **Everything You Need to Know About Math Homework**. Available in Neumann Library.
5. **TEXES Exam Practice Questions** for Mathematics 4-8 and Mathematics 8-12, by TestPrepReview.com. Go to [www.testprepreview.com/texas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/texas_practice.htm).
6. **240Tutoring** online study guide for Mathematics 4-8 and Mathematics 7-12. Go to [www.240tutoring.com](http://www.240tutoring.com)
7. **TEXES Mathematics 4-8 and Mathematics 7-12** study guides, flash cards, and practice test booklets, by XAMonline. Go to [http://www.xamonline.com/teacher\\_certification\\_study\\_guides/Texas](http://www.xamonline.com/teacher_certification_study_guides/Texas).
8. **TEXES Mathematics 4-8 AND TEXES Mathematics 7-12 Secrets Study Guides**. Print and eBook. Go to <http://www.mo-media.com/texas/>
9. **Free computer-administered Mathematics 4-8 and Mathematics 7-12 practice** exams for UHCL students, by certifyteacher.com/Simulados. Loaded onto 1 workstation in Bayou 3608 computer lab. Sign in at front desk. Lab hours: M-Th, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; F&S, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
10. **Texas Certification Exam Review for Teacher (T-CERT)**. Online review presentations, videos, chat sessions, and practice questions for Mathematics 4-8 and Mathematics 7-12. Go to <http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/>.
11. **TEXES Mathematics 4-8 and Mathematics 7-12**, by REA. Go to <http://store.rea.com/tstprep-teachcert-tx.html>.
12. **Certified in a Flash!** Smartphone app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/certified-in-a-flash/id491579995?mt=8>
13. [www.coolmath.com/prealgebra](http://www.coolmath.com/prealgebra)-- games and practice for pre-algebra
14. <http://phet.colorado.edu>--interactive simulations and lessons for science and math
15. <http://www.ck12.org/>--free math, science, and history interactive practice and videos
16. <http://study.com/>--video lessons in math and science
17. [www.wtamu.edu/adademic/anns/mps/math/mathlab](http://www.wtamu.edu/adademic/anns/mps/math/mathlab): review for beginning, intermediate, and college algebra, math for the sciences, and other mathematical concepts.
18. [www.online.math.uh.edu/texas4to8](http://www.online.math.uh.edu/texas4to8): website with free tutorials for 4-8 math TEXES prep.
3. **The Essential Science Glossary I & II**. Available in Neumann Library.
4. **TEXES Science 4-8 and Life Science 7-12** study guides, flash cards, and practice test booklets, by XAMonline. Go to [http://www.xamonline.com/teacher\\_certification\\_study\\_guides/Texas](http://www.xamonline.com/teacher_certification_study_guides/Texas).
5. **240Tutoring** online study guide for Science 4-8 . Go to [www.240tutoring.com](http://www.240tutoring.com)
6. **TEXES Exam Practice Questions** for Science 4-8 and Science 8-12, by TestPrepReview.com. Go to [www.testprepreview.com/texas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/texas_practice.htm).
7. **TEXES Tutoring Services**—exam prep Science 4-8 and Life Science 7-12. Go to [www.texaspreparation.com/texas\\_exam.html](http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_exam.html).
8. **TEXES Study Sessions**. Study guide for Science 4-8 TEXES. Go to [www.texasstudy.com](http://www.texasstudy.com).
9. **Pass the TEXES Life Science 8-12**—print and eBook, by EdPublishing & Consulting. Go to [www.passthetexas.com](http://www.passthetexas.com)
10. **Quizlet resources** for 4-8 Science. Go to <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests
11. **Everything You Need to Know About Science Homework**, by Anne Zeman, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries.
12. Youtube Crash Course Vlog: Biology <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3EED4C1D684D3ADF>
13. **Certified in a Flash!** Smartphone app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/certified-in-a-flash/id491579995?mt=8>
14. <http://smithscience.weebly.com/biology-eoc-review.html>-- biology & chemistry flashcards and videos
15. <http://phet.colorado.edu>--interactive simulations and lessons for science and math
16. <http://www.ck12.org/>--free math, science, and history interactive practice and videos
17. <http://study.com/>--video lessons in math and science
18. **Free computer-administered Science 4-8 and Life Science 7-12 practice exams** for UHCL students, by certifyteacher.com/Simulados. Loaded onto 1 workstation in Bayou 3608 open computer lab. Sign in at front desk. Lab hours: M-Th: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; F&S: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
5. **TEXES Exam Practice Questions** for Social Studies 4-8 and Social Studies 8-12, by TestPrepReview.com. Go to [www.testprepreview.com/texas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/texas_practice.htm).
6. **240Tutoring** online study guide for Social Studies 4-8 and Social Studies 7-12. Go to [www.240tutoring.com](http://www.240tutoring.com)
7. **TEXES Social Studies 4-8 and Social Studies 7-12** study guides, flash cards, and practice test booklets, by XAMonline. Go to [http://www.xamonline.com/teacher\\_certification\\_study\\_guides/Texas](http://www.xamonline.com/teacher_certification_study_guides/Texas).
8. **TEXES Social Studies 4-8 AND TEXES Social Studies 7-12 Secrets Study Guides**. Print and eBook. Go to <http://www.mo-media.com/texas/>
9. **Quizlet resources** for Social Studies 4-8 and 7-12. Go to <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests.
10. **Everything You Need to Know About Geography Homework**, by Anne Zeman, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries.
11. **Everything You Need to Know About American History Homework**, by Anne Zeman, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries.
12. **John & Hank Green Vlogs**: Crash Courses on U.S. History, World History, Government: <http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=crash+course+youtube+vid&qpvt=crash+course+you+tube+video&FORM=VDR#view=detail&mid=2D13BBE8362CCC8952D13BBE8362CCC895>
13. **A Young People's Guide to U.S. History**, Howard Zinn: <http://www.amazon.com/Young-Peoples-History-United-States/dp/1583228691>
14. **Certified in a Flash!** Smartphone app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/certified-in-a-flash/id491579995?mt=8>
15. <http://www.ck12.org/>--free math, science, and history interactive practice and videos
16. **The Essential Social Studies Glossary III**. Available in Neumann Library.
17. **Free computer-administered Social Studies 4-8 and Social Studies 7-12 practice tests** by certifyteacher.com/. Social Studies 4-8 loaded onto 1 workstation in B3608; Social Studies 7-12 loaded onto 1 workstation in B3608 and 2 workstations in SSCB 2201. Sign in at the front desk. Lab hours: M-Th, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; F&S, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### 4-8 AND 7-12 SOCIAL STUDIES

1. **Social Studies Content for Elementary and Middle School Teachers**, by Penelope Fritzer.
2. **Pass the TEXES Social Studies 4-8 and Social Studies 7-12**—print and eBook, by EdPublishing & Consulting. Go to [www.passthetexas.com](http://www.passthetexas.com)
3. **TEXES Study Sessions**. Study guide for Social Studies 4-8 TEXES. Go to [www.texasstudy.com](http://www.texasstudy.com)
4. **TEXES Tutoring Services**—exam prep Social Studies 4-8 and Social Studies 7-12. Go to [www.texaspreparation.com/texas\\_exam.html](http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_exam.html).

#### 4-8 SCIENCE AND 7-12 LIFE SCIENCE

1. **Texas Certification Exam Review for Teacher (T-CERT)**. Online review presentations, videos, chat sessions, and practice questions for Science 4-8 and Science 7-12. Go to <http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/>.
2. **TEXES Science 4-8 AND TEXES Life Science 7-12 Secrets Study Guides**. Print and eBook. Go to <http://www.mo-media.com/texas/>

#### EC-12 ART

1. **TEXES Tutoring Services**—exam prep for EC-12 Art. Go to [www.texaspreparation.com/texas\\_exam.html](http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_exam.html).
2. **Quizlet resources** for Art EC-12. Go to <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests
3. **Certified in a Flash!** Smartphone app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/certified-in-a-flash/id491579995?mt=8>