

Chinese Teacher Certificates in Texas

The information is from the following resources.

- Texas Education Agency <http://www.texas.ets.org/>
- State Board of Educator Certification
<http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/default.asp>
- [Region IV Education Service Center](#)
- [ACT-Houston Alternative Certification Program](#)

A. The basic requirements for becoming a teacher in Texas.

<http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/certinfo/becometeacher.asp#basicreq?width=1280&height=1024>

1. You must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
2. You must complete teacher training through an approved program.
3. You must successfully complete the appropriate teacher certification tests for the subject and grade level you wish to teach.

B. Those who already have a B.A. degree can go through Alternative Certification Programs. These programs, which include accelerated routes into teaching, offer training on how to be an effective teacher, as well as additional courses you might need in the subject area you wish to teach.

C. Alternative Certification Programs: Here are the ACPS in Texas offer Chinese Teacher Certificates. These programs are approved by State Board of Educator Certification. <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/approvedprograms.asp?s=1>

A+ Texas Teachers
A+ Texas Teachers (Bedford)
A+ Texas Teachers (Dallas)
A+ Texas Teachers (San Antonio)
ACT-Houston
ACT-Houston at Dallas
ACT-San Antonio (Alt Cert for Teachers)
Collin County Community College
Education Career Alternatives Program (ECAP)
IteACHtexas.com
Region 04 Educator Certification Services
Region 10 Education Service Center
TeacherBuilder.com

D. Requirements: The requirements of each alternative program vary. In general, you have to:

1. pass TExEs exam: Texas Examinations of Educator Standards
2. pass Content Test: for Chinese Content Test, Texas uses ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT). The tests evaluate your Chinese language proficiency. See ACTFL Proficiency guidelines <http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4236>
3. professional training
 - training offered at Region 04 Program: classroom management, multicultural issues, lesson planning, technology, etc.
 - training offered at ACT-Houston: foundations for effective teaching, classroom and behavior management, curriculum planning and research-based instructional strategies, process of becoming a reader, equity for the exceptional learner, etc.
 - topics related directly to the specific certification area
You may not need to take the training of these topics, if you have a BA degree from China or Taiwan. However, be sure to confirm with the Programs that you plan to enroll.
4. teaching internship: You must teach, full time, for minimum of one year under the state's probationary certification. This is called the Internship.
 - Usually one has to finish all the pre-service training before embarking on the teaching internship.
 - You have to apply for the internship employment in the school district.