

Program Overview

The Alternative Teacher Certification Program at Huston-Tillotson University is one of several state-approved comprehensive educator preparation programs accredited by the Texas Education Agency State Board of Educator Certification that prepares individuals for the Texas standard certification in elementary and secondary education.

Our ATCP utilizes a student cohort model designed for the adult learner who has earned a bachelor's degree or higher and needs the flexibility to have a full-time job and complete their requirements for earning an initial teacher certification. ATCP candidates enroll in a sequence of online courses that run for approximately three semesters that are assigned by the phase of the program. The HT ATCP is a three-year program, most candidates will be able to complete the program in a year and a half, which includes completing a one-year paid internship.

Start Your Internship After One Academic Semester and Earn an Initial Standard Teacher Certificates

1. *Phase I: After acceptance into HT Educator Preparation Program's ATCP (Fall, Spring, or Summer)*
 - a. Complete 30 hours of field-based experience (classroom/teacher observation)
 - b. Complete 6 credited hours, including certificate hours (150 pre-service clock hours)
 - c. Pass state content certification examination
2. *Phase II & III: Admission to a one-year paid internship*
 - a. Complete 150 pre-service clock hours or 9 credited hours
 - b. Pass state PPR (Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities) certification examination
 - c. Complete a paid 1-year internship ((Fall & Spring or Spring & Fall without interruption and must be in the content area listed in the acceptance letter)
3. Apply to Texas Education Agency (TEA) for your initial standard teacher/educator certificate in your content area.

ATCP Schedule of Program Completion

Cohort Dates	Fall Start	Spring	Summer Start
ATCP Begins: Phase I	Aug 2022	January 2023	May 2023
Pass TExES Content Exam	Late Nov- Early Dec 2022	Mid-April - Early May 2023	Late June - Early July 2023
Phase I: Last Day of Class	December 2022	May 2023	August 2023
Phase II: First Day of Internship I	January 2023 (Spring Semester)	August 2023 (Fall Semester)	August 2023 (Fall Semester)
Pass PPR EC-12Exam	March – April	Mid-November- Early December	Mid-November- Early December
Last day for Phase II	May 2023	December 2023	December 2023
Phase III: First Day of Internship II	August 2023	January 2024	January 2024
Phase III: Last Day of Internship	December 2023 (Fall)	May 2024 (Spring Semester)	May 2025 (Spring Semester)
***ATCP Expiration Date	The program expires in December 2025	The program expires in May 2026	The program expires in May 2026

ATCP Online Courses

Phase I:	ATCP456	Curriculum and Methodology	6 credit hours	Cost of \$2,000
Phase II:	ATCP476A	Teaching Internship	6 credit hours	Cost of \$2,000
Phase III:	ATCP476B	Teaching Internship	6 credit hours	Cost of \$2,000
Extended Semester:	ATCP490	Teaching Internship Ext:	0 credit hours	Cost of \$1,000

An extended semester is provided for candidates who do not meet the requirements to move into an internship.

Program Completion Plan

After the ATCP interview, a program completion plan is designed for the student. The student's program completion plan is based on the evaluation of the candidate's transcript. Previously earned credits could possibly be considered for meeting the 150 clock hours, specifically for contingency admission. It is the director's discretion as to accepting courses from the student transcript and or transfer credits and or clock hours, ****