

Region XIII Educator Certification Program
Application Requirement Checklist
LIFE SCIENCE 8-12

Application Requirements: *The following is a list of the minimal requirements for application to the Region 13 Educator Certification Program for the certification area specified above.*

Bachelors Degree (from an accredited institution of higher education)

- You may view all accredited institutions in the United States on the website [Council for Higher Education Accreditation \(CHEA\)](#)

NOTE: Candidates with a degree from a foreign institution must:

- Have transcripts evaluated by [Foreign Credential Services of America](#), 512.459.8428, showing degree earned and grade equivalencies
- Take the [THEA](#) (Texas Higher Education Assessment) scoring a minimum of Reading – 240, Writing – 220, and Math 240
- Take the [TOEFL](#) (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scoring a minimum of 26 in listening and speaking

Minimum 2.50 grade point average (determined in **one** of the followings ways)

- 2.5 on all coursework (includes all courses from all institutions)
- OR-
- 2.75 in last 60 semester hours of completed coursework

Competency in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics (determined in **one** or a combination of following:)

- Masters Degree or Higher
- OR-
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) with a minimum score of 500 in both verbal and quantitative
- OR-
- ACT – Minimum score of 22 in both reading and math
- OR-
- SAT – Composite score of 1100 with a minimum score of 550 in both verbal and quantitative
- OR-
- Passing score on the [TASP/THEA](#) exam (Reading – 240, Writing – 220, Math – 240)

NOTE: For candidates with a degree from a foreign institution the [THEA](#) test scores will prove your competency.

Content Area Proficiency (determined in **one** of the followings ways)

- 24 semester hours (with coursework minimum GPA of 2.5) reflected on transcript in Life Science
- OR-
- Applicant has passed a TExES Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT) in the area of teaching certification. For test information, visit <http://www.texas.ets.org/epp/epppact> and register for the PACT Test: **Test Code 138 Life Science 8-12**

Application Process: *The following is a summary of the application process:*

- Submit an online application
- Pay the application fee at the conclusion of the application **ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**
- Participate in an online interview per program requirement
- Submit official transcripts from ALL institutions of higher education attended
- Submit three confidential professional reference forms (see website for form)
- Submit copy of competency scores in Reading, Writing, and Math