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Angelo State University's Texas State Teachers Association Student Program

Students taking education courses at Angelo State University have the opportunity to join TSTA-SP. TSTA is a component of the National Education Association and ASU's Student Program chapter is an affiliate of the state TSTA program. Students participate in community activities that focus on education, hear from speakers on an array of positions in the education field, and celebrate the profession of teaching through miscellaneous projects.

Interested students should contact Dr. Williamson or the current TSTA-SP President for more information. Enrollment takes place each fall in August and September.

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Earning Secondary Teaching Certification

Certification for secondary education is designed for those pursuing a bachelor's degree in a desired content area with an interest in teaching grades 8—12.

Process for Earning Secondary Teaching Certification (Grades 8-12) at ASU

- Students must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in the content area in which they want to teach.
- Students will minor in Professional Education, which provides them an opportunity to earn their teaching certification as part of their degree plan.
- When nearing completion of content related courses (or upon completion), students take five required education courses. To complete these courses, students must be admitted into the Educator Preparation Program (http://www.angelo.edu/dept/ci/advising/educator_prep_prog.html)
- It is NOT recommended that RDG 4320, ED 4321, and ED 4322 be take simultaneously.
- The student's program of study culminates with a student teaching experience.

Courses required for Secondary Certification:

- **ED 4321*:** Secondary School Organization and Curriculum. A study of the structure, organization, and management of the secondary school system emphasizing state and local structures in Texas. Includes an examination of special student populations, the legal and ethical aspects of teaching, and career development. 15 hours of field observation are required for the course.
- **EPSY 3303:** Child and Adolescent Development; A study of human developmental processes from childhood to adolescence including physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and personality development. Aspects of learning, motivation, classroom management, behavior management, diverse learners, and socio-cultural elements are examined. A case study report is required.
- **RDG 4320*:** Reading in the Secondary School Content Areas. A study of reading skills, learning and study and higher level thinking skills development in the content areas. Includes determining the readability of curriculum materials, adapting learning experiences, planning curriculum to accommodate student diversity in reading ability, and assessing student learning. 15 hours of field observation are required for this course.
- **ED 4322*:** Teaching Techniques in the Secondary School I. A study of the teaching process in the secondary school, including measurement and evaluation of student achievement, instructional media and technology, and planning. 15 hours of field observation are required for this course.
- **ED 4323*:** Teaching Techniques in the Secondary School II. A study of the teaching process in the secondary school, including planning, classroom management, and questioning strategies. This course must be taken concurrently with student teaching. Prerequisite: Reading 4320, Education 4321, 4322, and admission in to the Student Teaching Program.

*Indicates a course is offered **online**.
+ED 4322 must be the last class before Student Teaching
+Optional ESL Test Prep offered during the Student Teaching Semester

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Asu-Secondary Certification-Program

Other Requirements:

- Successful completion of content area test (TExES) administered by Education Testing Agency
- Successful completion of Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities test (TExES) EC-12
  Change effective Fall semester 2011
- Application for teaching certification through the State Board of Certification, which includes a national background check/fingerprinting requirement
- Upon completion of degree and certification requirements, students are recommended to the state certifying agency by ASU's Director of Teacher Certification & Accountability

Program Outcomes and Expectations:

- Candidates will understand the history of education, the organization of school systems, and the structure of campuses in the state of Texas.
- Candidates will be prepared to address the physical, social, psychological, and cultural needs of the students they serve.
- Candidates will be able to effectively plan and implement instruction in a classroom of secondary students.
- Candidates will be professional, knowledgeable, prepared representatives of Angelo State University who confidently enter classrooms with the tools needed to succeed.