

TESTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TExES PPR AND TExES CONTENT EXAMS

STUDENTS WHO TOOK CLASSROOM INTERACTIONS (UTCH 3302) PRIOR TO FALL 2024:

Certify Teacher is no longer valid to meet the requirements for approval to register for the TExES exams. All students need to complete the requirements in 240 Tutoring. Students who took Classroom Interactions (UTCH 3302) prior to Fall 2024 will need to reach out to a UTeach master teacher for information and guidance.

STUDENTS WHO TAKE CLASSROOM INTERACTIONS (UTCH 3302) IN FALL 2024 OR AFTER:

Prior to the first attempt at taking an official TExES PPR exam or TExES content exam

1. TExES Exam Preparation Program for UTeach Students

Students will begin their exam preparation during the UTCH 3302 laboratory section. Students will use 240 Tutoring, an online program, during the laboratory section of UTCH 3302 to prepare for their TExES content exam. UTRGV UTeach Master Teachers will be responsible for proctoring laboratory sessions and for creating, updating, and disseminating documents related to the laboratory section, including the laboratory syllabus. After completing their diagnostic exam, students will be given their TExES Exam Log Sheet. Students will also take their PPR diagnostic exam during UTCH 3302 Laboratory. Students will be required to acknowledge their acceptance of TExES PPR and content exam testing procedures and requirements via an online Qualtrics survey.

2. Preparation Program Requirements

TExES Content Exam:

Eligible UTRGV UTeach students (who have enrolled in UTCH 3302 Classroom Interactions and who have been formally accepted into the UTRGV Teacher Education Program) will be required to purchase the 240 Tutoring online TExES content exam preparation program. Participation in the 240 Tutoring preparation program is mandatory.

Students will complete the 240 Tutoring content program during the semester as the requirement for the Classroom Interaction Laboratory. This preparation will include taking a diagnostic exam, completing all program materials, and taking Practice Test #1.

TExES PPR Exam:

Students will use 240 Tutoring as the program to prepare for their TExES PPR exam. Eligible UTRGV UTeach students (who have enrolled in UTCH 3302 Classroom Interactions and who have been formally accepted into the UTRGV Teacher Education Program) will be required to take a 240 Tutoring PPR diagnostic exam during the semester. Students are responsible for the costs of 240 Tutoring.

3. Requirements for Approval

TExES Content Exam

UTRGV UTeach students must complete 100% of the 240 Tutoring content program. After completing 100% of the program, they will take Practice Test #1. Students who score 75% or higher on Practice Test #1 will be eligible to take the official TExES content exam. Students who score less than 75% on Practice Test #1 will continue using the 240 Tutoring program and taking additional practice tests until they attain the required minimum score of 75%. At the point that the required 75% score is met, students will email their completed Log Sheet and Eligibility form along with the PDF of the Practice Tests report to one of the UTRGV UTeach Co-Directors to receive approval to register for their first attempt to pass the official TExES content exam. [See step 4 below.]

TExES PPR Exam

UTRGV UTeach students must complete 100% of the 240 Tutoring PPR program. After completing 100% of the program, they will take Practice Test #1. Students who score 75% or higher on Practice Test #1 will be eligible to take the official TExES PPR exam. Students who score less than 75% on Practice Test #1 will continue using the 240 Tutoring program and taking additional practice tests until they attain the required minimum score of 75%. At the point that the required 75% score is met, students will email their completed Log Sheet and Eligibility form along with the PDF of the Practice Tests report to one of the UTRGV UTeach Co-Directors to receive approval to register for their first attempt to pass the official TExES PPR exam. [See step 4 below.]

4. After approval by a UTRGV UTeach Co-Director to take an official TExES exam

The UTRGV UTeach Co-Directors must approve ALL Log Sheets before permission is given to take any official TExES PPR or content exam. Please note that the Co-Directors will not consider valid any 240 Tutoring scores submitted more than sixty days after the score is obtained. Once approved, students will, within thirty days, complete the TExES Testing Request Application (Step 2) on the Office of Education Preparation and Accountability (OEPA) website [here](#). Online registration is granted by OEPA. UTRGV UTeach students may then register for their official TExES PPR and/or content exam (first attempt).

ALL UTEACH STUDENTS:

Prior to UTRGV UTeach students' additional attempt(s) to pass the official TExES content exams

UTRGV UTeach students need Co-Director approval before ALL exam attempts. If UTRGV UTeach students do not pass their first official TExES content exam, they will be required to complete an intervention plan using 240 Tutoring and/or alternative programs and assignments provided by an assigned UTRGV UTeach Master Teacher. Alternative programs can include Right Start, Learning Liaisons, or any additional programs the UTeach Master Teacher assigns.

Intervention plan students can be given 2 months' free access to 240 Tutoring. If 240 Tutoring is used for the intervention plan, students will first be required to take the 240 Tutoring Diagnostic Exam and then complete at least 90% of the material in 240 Tutoring. When at least 90% of the material has been

completed, the student will take a 240 Tutoring practice exam. A score of at least 80% is required on the practice exam. There are 3 practice exams available. After the first practice exam, if the score is less than 80%, the master teacher will assign additional material (from 240 Tutoring or other resources). After completion of the additional material, the master teacher will approve the student to take the 2nd 240 Tutoring practice exam. If the student does not score at least 80%, the above process will be repeated. If the student does not score at least 80% on the 3rd exam, the master teacher will create new requirements.

After the student has scored at least 80% on a 240 Tutoring practice exam, they may then be required to take the OEPA representative exam and score a minimum of 70%. If the student scores 70% or higher, they will be approved by the master teacher and a co-director to take the official TExES exam. If the student does not score at least 70% on the OEPA representative exam, the master teacher will create new study material and testing requirements. Whether or not a student must retake the OEPA representative exam will be left to the discretion of the master teacher. If a student still has 240 Tutoring practice exams remaining, the master teacher could require the student to take another 240 Tutoring practice exam after a period of utilizing other study materials.

If a student does not take a 240 Tutoring practice exam by the end of the 2-month free access, they will be required to purchase 240 Tutoring to continue with the requirements. If they have taken a practice exam but did not score at least 80% within the 2-month free access period, then the master teacher will extend the free access for one more 2-month period. Free access will not be given for more than a total of 4 months.

Once a student has completed all intervention plan requirements, they may then email their Log Sheet with their Diagnostic Exam Report, all Practice Exams Reports, their first official TExES exam attempt date and score, and the score report of the OEPA Content Representative Exam to one of the UTRGV UTeach Co-Directors to receive approval to take any additional official TExES content exams.

Once approved, students will complete the TExES Testing Request Application (Step 2) on the Office of Education Preparation and Accountability (OEPA) website [here](#). Online registration is granted by OEPA. UTRGV UTeach students may then register for their official TExES content exam (additional attempt).

Prior to UTRGV UTeach students' additional attempt(s) to pass the official TExES PPR exams

UTRGV UTeach students need Co-Director approval before ALL exam attempts, except the second attempt. If UTRGV UTeach students do not pass their first official TExES PPR EC-12 exam, they will be required to complete an intervention plan. Students will be referred to the UTRGV Certification Exam Support Hub and must meet all requirements.

For their second official TExES PPR EC-12 exam attempt, once a student has completed all the Certification Exam Support Hub requirements, they will receive approval documentation from the Certification Exam Support Hub. Once approved, students will complete the TExES Testing Request Application (Step 2) on the Office of Education Preparation and Accountability (OEPA) website [here](#). Online registration is granted by OEPA. UTRGV UTeach students may then register for their official TExES PPR exam (second attempt).

For subsequent official TExES PPR EC-12 exam attempts, students will be required to complete an intervention plan provided by an assigned UTRGV UTeach Master Teacher. Once a student has completed all intervention plan requirements, they may then email their intervention plan documentation and their prior official TExES exam attempt dates and scores to one of the UTRGV UTeach Co-Directors to receive approval to take any subsequent official TExES PPR exams.

Once approved, students will complete the TExES Testing Request Application (Step 2) on the Office of Education Preparation and Accountability (OEPA) website [here](#). Online registration is granted by OEPA. UTRGV UTeach students may then register for their official TExES PPR exam (subsequent attempt).

Official TExES PPR and content exam deadlines

1. UTRGV UTeach students who intend to enroll in UTCH 4101/UTCH 4601 Apprentice Teaching the following semester but have not passed one or both official TExES exams must retake the official TExES PPR and/or content exam by the OFE (Office of Field Experience) [deadline](#). This timeline will allow a student to meet TExES testing requirements and register for UTCH 4101/UTCH 4601 Apprentice Teaching in the subsequent semester. If the student has not taken or passed the TExES PPR exam, they will be required to complete edTPA.

2. UTRGV UTeach students **who intend to enroll in UTCH 4101/UTCH 4601 Apprentice Teaching the following semester but have not made the first attempt to pass an official TExES exam**, are under advisement that they must make the first attempt to pass the official TExES content exam no later than the end of the second week during the fall semester and no later than the end of the ninth week during the spring semester in order to allow enough time for a re-test after the State's 30-day waiting period. Students are required by OFE to have passed their official TExES content exams by the OFE deadline and prior to admission to UTCH 4101/UTCH 4601 Apprentice Teaching. Students who have not passed their official TExES PPR exam by the deadline will be required to agree to complete edTPA to be admitted to clinical teaching.

Frequently Asked Questions for UTRGV UTeach Testing Requirements and Procedures for the TExES PPR and Content Exams for Students taking Classroom Interactions (UTCH 3302) in or after Fall 2024

1. *Q: Do I have to register for the 240 Tutoring exam preparation programs?*

A: Yes. All UTRGV UTeach students must register for the 240 Tutoring content exam preparation program. This program will be used to help prepare you for the official TExES content exam.

2. *Q: How much does the 240 Tutoring exam preparation program cost? Am I responsible for the cost?*

A: The cost for the 240 Tutoring exam preparation program when purchased for the Classroom Interactions (UTCH 3302) Laboratory course is \$60 for 120 day access. You are responsible for the cost and will receive purchasing information prior to the first day of class.

3. *Q: Once I purchase the 240 Tutoring exam preparation program, what do I do?*

A: **Do not start the program.** You will begin the program on the first day of the Classroom Interactions Laboratory class.

4. *Q: Who are the UTeach Co-Directors and how do I contact them?*

A: The Co-Directors and their emails are listed below. Please only email one Co-Director (either is fine) your documents for approval to take the official TExES exams.

Dr. Angela Chapman at angela.chapman@utrgv.edu

Dr. Chris Smith at Kenneth.smith@utrgv.edu

5. *Q: How long will it take before I can register for the official TExES exam once I email my completed Log Sheet?*

A: You will need to get Co-Director approval to take an official TExES exam. This can take up to a week or more. Then you will need to submit the Test Request Form on the OEPA website and upload all necessary documents to Watermark for OEPA approval before your electronic bars can be removed. This may take additional time. Please keep this in mind if you are trying to make OFE testing deadlines.

6. *Q: Do I have to get Co-Director approval before each official TExES exam attempt?*

A: Yes. You will need to submit your completed Log Sheet or intervention plan and Log Sheet and receive Co-Director approval before any official TExES exam attempt, except the 2nd official TExES PPR exam attempt. This includes the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th attempts for the official TExES PPR exam, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th attempts for the official TExES content exam.

7. *Q: I failed my official TExES exam, what do I do now?*

A: If you fail your official TExES PPR or content exam you will be given an individualized intervention plan provided by your UTRGV UTeach Master Teacher mentor. To find out who this person is, see the question below. The intervention plan can include additional 240 Tutoring testing and study modules as well as supplementary material. Students who failed their official TExES PPR exam will be referred to the UTRGV Certification Exam Support Hub. The master teacher assigned to PPR intervention plans will provide all information about signing up with the Support Hub.

When you have completed your intervention plan, including obtaining required scores on assigned practice and/or representative exams, you will then email your completed intervention plan and log with all supporting documentation to one of the UTeach Co-Directors for approval before you will be allowed to make a second or subsequent attempt at an official TExES exam.

8. *Q: How do I find out who my UTRGV UTeach Master Teacher mentor is for my intervention plan?*

A: Depending on which official TExES exam you failed, please contact the following individual for your intervention plan:

Brownsville:

Mathematics/PPR – Lily Trevino at Liliana.trevino@utrgv.edu or Gus Valencia at Gustavo.valencia@utrgv.edu.

All Sciences/PPR – Pamela Groves at pamela.groves01@utrgv.edu.

Edinburg:

Mathematics 4-8 – Anna Gonzalez at anna.gonzalez@utrgv.edu

Mathematics 7-12 – Carly Vollet at carly.vollet@utrgv.edu

Science 4-8 – Omar Elizondo at omar.elizondo@utrgv.edu

Life Science 7-12 – Tim Sears at tim.sears@utrgv.edu

Chemistry 7-12 – Tim Sears at tim.sears@utrgv.edu

Physics/Math 7-12 – Omar Elizondo at omar.elizondo@utrgv.edu
PPR – Omar Elizondo at omar.elizondo@utrgv.edu

9. *Q: I failed my official TExES exam for the second, third or fourth time, what do I do?*

A: If you fail your official TExES exam for the second, third or fourth time you will need to complete an individualized intervention plan provided by your UTRGV UTeach Master Teacher mentor for each failed attempt. Please see the question above for more information.

10. *Q: Who should I contact for more information about UTRGV UTeach testing requirements and procedures for the TExES PPR and content exams?*

A: Contact the UTeach Co-Directors for more information.

Your acknowledgement of the TExES content and TExES PPR exam testing procedures and protocols will be submitted via an online Qualtrics survey.