



Superintendent Certification Program

Region 4 Education Service Center

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This slideshow provides information for the next training cycle (Blended and Online Tracks) beginning September 2010. Candidates for this program and for the Texas Superintendent Certification must hold a valid Texas Standard Principal Certificate or Mid-Management Certificate.



Training Focus



- Training sessions and coursework are based on the standards for the Superintendent Certificate as described in the Texas Administrative Code. These standards are also the basis for the Superintendent TExES competencies and are included in this program.
- Each intern receives over 200 hours of instruction, plus a minimum of 160 hours of field-based internship activities.
- At the intern's option, six (6) semester graduate hours may be earned through the University of St. Thomas (UST) as part of the program.



Program Delivery



- The Region 4 Superintendent Certification Program offers both blended and online instructional delivery tracks, plus field-based preparation for aspiring superintendents and district-level administrators.
- The intent of the program is to integrate theory and practice through on-the-job internship assignments, required readings, reflective seminars, research, and role responsibilities.
- Each intern will develop—in collaboration with a Region 4 field supervisor and district mentor—a Professional Proficiency and Certification Plan (PPCP) detailing the training and field-based experiences that must be completed by the intern in order to promote professional growth.



Program Delivery



- Training will be individualized to meet the needs of each intern as determined by the individual assessment process and as recorded on the PPCP.
- All training will be coordinated through Region 4 in conjunction with school districts and charter schools.
- As much as possible, training will be delivered to each group of interns as a cohort to allow for networking and the development of a support system.



Training Seminars and Sessions



Examples of superintendent competencies and program topics are:

- Leading the educational community with vision, ethics, collaboration, and fairness;
- Responding to the larger political and social climate, including the Board of Trustees;
- Strategic planning to enhance teaching and learning;
- Sustaining a culture of student learning and professional growth;



Training Seminars and Sessions

- Leadership for effective use of financial and human resources;
- Understanding legal and ethical responsibilities;
- Organizational decision making and problem solving; and
- Achieving the superintendent's position.



Entry Requirements



- Hold the Texas Standard Principal or Mid-Management Certificate.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in a master's or other advanced degree program.
- Provide a letter of reference and support from your superintendent or designee for program participation.
- Demonstrate leadership skills in professional and community activities and currently hold a school/district leadership position.



Application Process



- Submit a completed application online.
- Mail or bring the following items to Region 4 (no partial packets, please):
 - Official transcripts indicating your master's degree. Transcripts must be mailed to Region 4 from the university or provided in the original sealed envelope from the university.
 - For candidates with degrees from outside of the United States, a transcript evaluation from a recognized transcript evaluation company must accompany the application. In addition, Region 4 ACP requires verification. Please see website for details regarding international credentials.
 - Copy of valid standard Principal or Mid-Management certificate.
 - A letter of reference from your superintendent or designee on district letterhead in support of participation in the program and field-based experience.



Admission Process



- Initial screening includes a review of official transcripts, completed application, Texas Principal or Mid-Management Certificate, and letter of support from the superintendent or designee.
- Final selection is made with input from Region 4 program coordinators and superintendent reference.
- Program cycle begins September 2010; application deadline is **September 10, 2010**.





Program Costs and Payment Schedule

- Program Fee (Blended and Online Track)—\$4,140.
 - Program fees are payable by monthly auto-draft deductions or advance payment.
- A \$20 processing fee is charged at the beginning of the internship.
- Required textbook: *Superintendent Leadership*, Elaine L. Wilmore, Corwin Press, ISBN: 978-1-4129-5541-6 (pbk.).
- Superintendent TExES—\$240.
- SBEC application fee for the Standard Superintendent Certificate—\$77.

NOTE: All fees subject to change without notice.

Veterans may utilize benefits to earn certification through Region 4. Go to www.va.gov for more information and eligibility requirements. The Region 4 contact is Kelley Theall (ktheall@esc4.net).





Optional Costs

- Six semester hours UST course credits—\$350 per course (Superintendency; Superintendent Internship).
- Probationary Superintendent Certificate (SBEC)—\$52 for one-year certificate.
- Aspiring Superintendent Academy fee for Online Track participants—\$590 value-added option for all six sessions or \$125 for selected individual sessions.
- Recommended (optional) textbook: *Passing the Superintendent TExES Exam*, Elaine L. Wilmore, Corwin Press, ISBN: 978-1-4129-5619-2 (pbk.).

NOTES: Aspiring Superintendent Academy is required in the Blended Track Program and included in that program track's cost.

All fees are subject to change without notice.



Training Schedule



August and September 2010—Application Screening

September 2010—Sessions begin for Online Track

September 10, 2010—Application Deadline

September 18, 2010—First Program Session (Blended Track)

September 22, 2010—Superintendent Academy Session (Blended Track)

October 2010—Online Training Session (Blended and Online Tracks)

October 14, 2010—Superintendent Academy Session (Blended Track)

November 17, 2010—Superintendent Academy Session (Blended Track)

December 2010—Online Training Session (Blended and Online Tracks)

NOTES: Online Track Participants will be advised of program schedule in September 2010.

Superintendent Academy Sessions are value-added options for the Online Track and are required for the Blended Track.





Training Schedule

- January 20, 2011—Superintendent Academy Session (Blended Track)
- February 24, 2011—Superintendent Academy Session (Blended Track)
- March 5, 2011—TExES Prep and other training (Blended Track)
- April 14, 2011—Superintendent Academy Session (Blended Track)
- April 30, 2011—TExES Prep Test (Blended Track)
- May 14, 2011—TExES Prep and other training (Blended Track)
- June 25, 2011—Superintendent TExES (Blended and Online Tracks)
- July 2011—Online Training Session (Blended and Online Tracks)
- August 6, 2011—Final Training Session (Blended Track)
- September 2010–August 2011—In-district Field-Based Experiences for both Tracks

NOTE: Online Track Participants will be advised of TExES Prep options.



Certification



To be recommended for standard certification, the candidate must have:

- Had a successful internship and have met all Region 4 program requirements;
- Passed the required state examination (TExES); and
- Paid all program fees.



Why Region 4?



Region 4 demonstrates the highest level of support for program cost. Our customer care is reflected in the large number of participating interns and school districts, our extended internships, monthly auto-draft payment plans, flexible office hours, and successful program completion rates. All instructors have the highest academic qualifications and are trained practitioners in their fields. Study sessions and thorough exam preparation are major elements of the Superintendent Certification Program. With extensive experience and success in educator preparation programs, ***The answer is 4.***[®]



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