Texas State University was founded as a teachers college in 1899, and more than a century later, it continues the tradition of producing only the highest quality educators.

The graduate elementary education program at Texas State offers advanced studies in curriculum, teaching and learning for educators who are certified to teach at the levels of early childhood through middle grades (EC-8). Teachers pursue master’s degrees in education to improve their theoretical understanding of pedagogy and enhance their teaching skills.

In addition to general elementary education master’s options, Texas State offers specializations in talent development and early childhood education that allow students to focus on a particular area of interest while interacting within a larger community of intellectual inquiry in education. Educators who are passionate about teaching, learning and making a difference should consider one of the master’s degree programs in elementary education at Texas State.

“Texas State is a prestigious university with an absolutely beautiful campus centered in San Marcos. Graduate classes were challenging and rewarding to attend. Graduate professors at Texas State build positive relationships with students and ensure success through purposeful, rigorous and pertinent course material.”

—Natalie Flores Ramos FORMER ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MASTER’S STUDENT
Course Work
The general elementary education program allows students to work toward either a master of education or a master of arts with a major in elementary education. Both programs are designed for certified teachers. The course work in the master of arts program is more appropriate for teachers with several years of experience who have a clear research focus, as the program requires a thesis.

Master of Education with a Major in Elementary Education
This 36-semester-hour program requires students to complete 24 to 27 semester hours of elementary education course work and nine to 12 hours of course work in an approved minor area of study. The default minor is methods and materials. Students may opt for a specialization in talent development or early childhood education.

Master of Arts with a Major in Elementary Education
This 36-semester-hour program requires students to complete at least 30 semester hours of elementary education course work, including a minor in methods and materials (unless another minor is requested), and a written thesis.

Admission Policy
Applicants must meet the Texas State Graduate College’s minimum GPA requirement of 2.75 for the last 60 hours of course work leading to the bachelor’s degree. No Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score is required.

Each applicant must submit the following to The Graduate College:
• the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
• application fee
• one official transcript from each four-year college or university attended

Financial Assistance
The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers a variety of scholarships made available by generous donors. Visit the department website at www.education.txstate.edu/ci for application details.

For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit The Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for access to an online application and additional details. Applications are due June 15 for the fall semester, October 15 for the spring semester and April 15 for the summer semester. The Graduate College will continue to process applications received after these deadlines; however, such applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, with no guarantee of admission.