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 Teacher Recruitment Project (TRP) in elementary education is designed to provide an accelerated pathway for well-qualified, post-baccalaureate students to earn an initial teaching certificate prior to the granting of the master’s degree. TRP students have the option to complete the last 18 hours of the 36-hour master’s program while earning an income from full-time teaching; or students may postpone full-time teaching until the master’s degree is complete, if they wish to do so.

Since 2001, TRP students have entered teaching from all walks of life (attorneys, engineers, nurses, scientists, newspaper reporters, social workers, high-tech workers and more). They are now making substantial contributions to their school communities and to the children of Texas.

“Thank you for initiating the TRP and for helping me become a teacher. I feel incredibly fortunate to have started such a grand adventure at this point in my life. Thank you for helping me make my dream come true.”

—Relda Ivey ELEMENTARY TEACHER, RECRUITMENT PROJECT
Course Work
The 36-hour master of education (M.Ed.) is structured so that the initial two long semesters of TRP offer a full-certification program, including 18 hours of graduate course work and 14 weeks of student teaching. The course work may begin in either the fall or spring semesters. The first-semester classes are delivered at the Round Rock Campus and on-site in area public schools.

The initial 18 hours of TRP provide a means for students to complete course work and field work for initial teacher certification, integrating theory and practice in the real-world context of public schools. A substantial portion of time during the initial 18 hours of course work is devoted to work in local public schools and requires that TRP students attend three integrated daytime classes taught on public school campuses. The remaining 18 hours are designed to engage students in continued intellectual growth through advanced-level evening and summer course work to help students improve their practice, grow professionally and develop campus leadership skills.

Because of its accelerated nature, a substantial portion of TRP requires a daytime commitment in public schools. Following completion of the initial 18-hour teacher certification portion of TRP, students are eligible to apply for state teacher certification; once certified, they may become employed as teachers while they complete their master's degrees.

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. Applicants also must undergo a screening interview, written reflection and online survey. Program admission is competitive with no guarantees of admission.

Each applicant must submit the following:
- the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
- one official transcript from each college or university attended
- application fee
- essay
- current résumé (electronic document)
- three reference forms

Applicants also will be interviewed by the graduate advisor.

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for access to an online application, where to submit application documents and additional details. Applications are due March 1 for the fall semester and September 1 for the spring semester.

For access to the Teacher Recruitment Project and program details, visit www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program/.

Financial Assistance
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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