

How expensive will it be for me to complete the program of study?

Tuition and course fees associated with the university preparation program will be **covered up to \$4,000 by A-TEP, ML- ATEP or SE A-TEP**. Any additional expenses shall be paid by the participant.

What support will I have during the first few difficult years in the teaching profession?

Support during the first and second teacher induction years are varied and may be customized to address the individual needs of A-TEP, ML-A-TEP or SE-A-TEP participants. This support includes:

- *Counseling sessions*
- *Mentoring activities*
- *Classroom demonstrations by master teachers*
- *Field trips to observe model classrooms*
- *Team teaching with a master teacher*
- *Test preparation*
- *Ongoing professional development sessions*

What commitments will I have to make to the project?

It is a requirement that all A-TEP, ML A-TEP, or SE A-TEP participants make a commitment to teach in a "high need district" for three years. Should an A-TEP participant withdraw from the program, fail to meet the program's requirements or fail to meet the three-year teaching requirement, they must reimburse the amount funded to A-TEP.

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**Accelerated Teacher Education
Program (A-TEP)
and
Middle Level Accelerated Teacher
Education Program (ML A-TEP)
and
Special Education Accelerated
Teacher Education Program (SE A-TEP)**

College of Education and Human Development

*Do you have a degree in a math or
science related profession?*



*Are you interested in becoming a
secondary or middle school math,
science, or special education
teacher?*

If you answered yes,

A-TEP, ML A-TEP or SE A-TEP is for YOU!

What is A-TEP?

*Accelerated Teacher Education Program (A-TEP) is a Transition to Teaching program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

*A-TEP is designed to prepare and certify middle level (4-8th), secondary (8-12th) mathematics and science, and special education (EC-12) teachers.

*A-TEP recruits recent graduates or second career professionals with degrees in mathematics, science and human services-related fields to work in San Antonio area public schools, as teachers.

What are the benefits of becoming a teacher?

- Honorable, rewarding profession
- Become a role model and inspire students
- Build morale in others



How do I become an A-TEP participant?

- Apply for graduate admission to the College of Education and Human Development
<http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/>
- Apply for the Accelerated Teacher Preparation Program.
Note: A-TEP is a competitive application process; not all who apply are accepted.
- Admission to graduate program and A-TEP are required.

How will A-TEP help an individual become a "highly qualified teacher?"

*A-TEP will facilitate your teacher preparation and certification processes through graduate coursework and A-TEP seminars offered at UTSA.

*A-TEP will work with its partner school districts in the San Antonio area to help you get placed as a teacher of record while you are preparing for certification in Texas.
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/sboe/>.

*A-TEP participants who complete the program will qualify to apply for a secondary teaching certificate issued by the Texas State Board of Educators Certification office.

*A-TEP participants can have their university certification work apply towards a master's degree, (subject to appropriate approvals).

If I have a degree in a mathematics or science area from an accredited foreign institution or higher education, can I apply?

Yes, if you are a U.S. resident. You must have your transcript and degree validated by the Foreign Credentials Services of America, Austin, Texas, (512) 459-8428, or any other recognized similar agency in the United States.
<http://www.fcsa.biz/>

You must also show English language proficiency through an acceptable score on the TOEFL examination.
<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>



How can I apply?

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