

# Fall 2024 TLAC Clinical Teaching

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Information regarding: Advising, Certification and Applications

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# AGENDA

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- **Advising**
- **Certification**
- **Clinical Teaching Application**
- **Q&A**



# ADVISING

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- It is highly recommended that you make an appointment with your advisor to confirm that you have completed all required coursework and are cleared for clinical teaching.
- *If you are a SEED minor, reach out to Joanna Hundl, [joannahundl@tamu.edu](mailto:joannahundl@tamu.edu)*

# ADVISING

## **Coursework**

- All course work needs be completed prior to clinical teaching.
- No undergraduate classes may be taken during clinical teaching – no exceptions to this rule.

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## Registration

- TEFB 426 (EC-6)
  - Local = Section 500
  - Distant = Section 550
- MEFB 497 (Middle Grades)
  - Local = Section 500
  - Distant = Section 550
- MEFB 497 or TEFB 429 (aggieTEACH & SEED Minor)
  - Local = Section 500
  - Distant = Section 550
- TEED 425 (12 hours)

*If the "Exceptions for Verification of Enrollment" does not meet your requirements, and you need to be enrolled in 12 hours.*

  - Local = Section 500
  - Distant = Section 550

# CERTIFICATION OFFICE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Education Certification Office

Harrington Tower, Suite 100A

979-845-5360

[certificationoffice@tamu.edu](mailto:certificationoffice@tamu.edu)

[www.certification.tamu.edu](http://www.certification.tamu.edu)

*All 240 tutoring, testing, and TEA certification questions.*

**MUST PASS PRIMARY CONTENT AND STR IF APPLICABLE BY MAY 5, 2024.**

# FIELD EXPERIENCES OFFICE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# APPLICATION

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## Placement Options

### LOCAL

- TAMU provides university supervisor and placement
- Starting Fall 2012, TLAC places local clinical teachers in outlying districts within 35 miles of the TAMU campus first. *This guarantees clinical teachers will have a sustained experience working with diverse groups of students, which will in turn increase their marketability.*
- A minimum of 3 students will be placed in each outlying district, to increase opportunities for carpooling.



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## Placement Options

### DISTANT

- Districts around the state of Texas with established TAMU agreement and MOU
- Districts are listed on application and are subject to change at any time
- Districts decide placement based on CT application and the needs of district
- University supervisor hired and trained by TAMU

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## Placement Options

### NEW DISTANT DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS

- Placements at new districts *not* currently on the list will only be considered if the district is more than 35 miles away from any current partnering district
- If you would like to request a new district, email [clinical-teaching@tamu.edu](mailto:clinical-teaching@tamu.edu) with the requested district and a district contact by **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**.
- List of current district partnerships:  
<https://mycehd.tamu.edu/tlac-clinical-teaching-partnering-school-districts/>

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## Placement Options

Your clinical teaching placement may default to LOCAL if you:

- Do not submit requested information by due dates. (application, criminal history, etc.)
- Have been placed on a growth plan. (written concerns from TAMU instructor)

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## Placements are impacted by:

- ▶ Certification
- ▶ Supervisor Availability
  - *Please note, ALL University Supervisors must be T-TESS trained.*
  - *Our office will contact current/trained supervisors to cover various requested districts.*
  - *If a district does not have a trained supervisor, you may be placed at your second/third option to clinical teach.*
- ▶ Mentor teacher availability
- ▶ District decisions
- ▶ Previous field experience
- ▶ Submission of required forms
- ▶ Meeting deadlines – application, FEO and/or school district paperwork
- ▶ Passing your primary content certification exam and STR (if EC-6 or 4-8 ELAR/SS certification) by **May 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- ▶ Special considerations on application

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## Clinical Teaching Application Notes/Instructions

- ▶ Email: must be **tamu.edu** account
- ▶ Certification Area:
  - Select the appropriate certification area(s).  
*Note: Actual certification is dependent upon the successful completion of required course work, clinical teaching program and state certification exams. This information is for planning purposes only.*
  - If "Secondary Education", please specify your program and certification.
    - *aggieTEACH, Graduate Certification, SEED Minor*
    - *Math, ELA, Science Comp, History, etc.*
- ▶ Rank:
  - top distant district / all local districts (1-10)
  - top 2 grade & content preferences
- ▶ Zip code for CT semester:
  - based on district preference – may help districts place CT at schools in close proximity but there are no guarantees

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## Clinical Teaching Application Notes/Instructions

- ▶ **PREFERENCES:** (i.e. grade and content) should be varied from early field experiences
- ▶ **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** other information to consider in placement
- ▶ **FOUR QUESTIONS:** Please write at least a paragraph to thoroughly and thoughtfully answer the questions. *Be sure to edit and proofread before submitting. This information is shared with your school district.*
- ▶ If your application is incorrect/not complete, it will not be included in the download and therefore will be considered late.
- ▶ The most current application submitted will be used for your clinical teaching placement consideration.

# APPLICATION

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## Clinical Teaching Application FAQs

- ▶ May I request a specific school/teacher?
  - You may include request in the special considerations section, but there is no guarantee that it will be granted.
  - Clinical teachers may not be placed on a campus with an immediate relative.
  - Clinical teachers may not be placed in a district where an immediate relative is a district-level administrator with direct supervision of principals and/or teachers.
  
- ▶ Can I have another job while clinical teaching?
  - Clinical teaching is considered a full-time job so employment is discouraged. If necessary, working must be limited to no more than 10-12 hours per week, preferably on weekends and may not interfere with clinical teaching responsibilities.

# CLINICAL TEACHING

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## Clinical Teaching FAQs

- ▶ When is the first day of clinical teaching?
  - Clinical teachers begin the first official district school day (with students) after the break and complete 70 field days. Clinical teachers follow the school district calendar, not TAMU.
  - *Public school students mat start as early as August 1*
  
- ▶ What is the clinical teaching attendance policy?
  - With clinical teaching graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, the following guidelines apply:
    - 1 excused absence = 1 make up day
    - 1 unexcused absence = 2 make up days
    - 2 unexcused absences = 4 make up days
    - 3 unexcused absences = **Unsatisfactory grade** (student will be required to re-enroll in Clinical Teaching the following semester)



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## Important Dates

- ⌚ The link to the Clinical Teaching Application will be emailed to you next week. The application will be due on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ⌚ Deadline to PASS primary content certification exam and STR (if EC-6 or 4-8 ELAR/SS certification): Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
- ⌚ Second Mandatory Clinical Teaching Meeting: Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:30-12:00pm via ZOOM

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**You will not be cleared to clinical teach or receive your official placement until you:**

- Attend both mandatory FEO meetings
- Pass primary content certification exam and STR (if EC-6 or 4-8 ELAR/SS certification) by **May 5<sup>th</sup>**
- Submit TLAC clinical teaching application
- Submit requested information from FEO and/or school district (district application, background check)

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## Important websites:

- ▶ Clinical Teaching Website: <https://mycehd.tamu.edu/tlac-clinical-teaching>
- ▶ Certification Information: <http://certification.tamu.edu>
- ▶ The link to the Clinical Teaching Application will be emailed to you next week.

# FIELD EXPERIENCES OFFICE

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### **Field Experiences Office**

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