

## Special Offer FAQ

### **What is the time period to submit an online application, so I qualify for the new hire discount?**

The special offer is available between April 20, 2023, and June 30, 2023. You must apply by 6/30/23 to qualify.

### **What is the timeframe for me to get certified if I begin my teaching internship in September 2023?**

You could be fully certified by June 2024 if you meet all the program and state requirements to become a standard teacher in Texas.

### **What upfront cost do I pay to start the program?**

You will pay \$99 to begin the online program once accepted. The remainder of your program fees are paid during your teaching internship. Payments can be broken down into affordable no interest monthly payments stretched over 12 months.

### **Do I need to pass my content exam before I start my internship?**

Yes. You will need to pass your content exam before a probationary or intern certificate can begin.

### **What WCACP certification areas are considered Science of Teaching Reading (STR) areas?**

Core Subject EC-6, Core Subjects 4-8, ELAR 4-8 and ELAR/SS 4-8 – each candidate will be required to take the Science of Teaching Reading (STR) exam in addition to their content area.

### **What WCACP certification areas are considered non-Science of Teaching Reading (STR) areas?**

Math 4-8, Science 4-8, Math/Science 4-8, Social Studies 4-8, Business & Finance 6-12, Physical Science 6-12, History 7-12, Social Studies 7-12, Math 7-12, Science 7-12, Life Science 7-12, Speech 7-12, ELAR 7-12, Special Education EC-12, Physical Education EC-12, Health EC-12, Art EC-12, Music EC-12, LOTE-Spanish EC-12 – STR is not required for certification

### **How do I qualify for the new hire discount?**

To qualify, you need to have a job offer for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Teaching positions must be full-time at a school district, TEA accredited private school or charter school in Texas. Part-time positions will not qualify.

### **When do I need to start a certificate (probationary or intern) to keep the new hire discount?**

You must be recommended for a probationary or intern certificate by January 15, 2024, to retain the new hire discount.

### **Do I still have to pay the \$35 technology fee when I start?**

Yes. The program is responsible to collect a [\\$35 technology fee](#) per candidate who are admitted into WCACP. The technology fee collected is paid to the [Texas Education Agency \(TEA\)](#) at the end of the ASEP reporting year.

**If I need a GPA Exemption to start the program, do I qualify for discounts?**

The upfront cost to start the program is \$400 if a low GPA Exemption is needed.

You can qualify for the \$400 deduction that is offered.

**Do part-time teaching positions count?**

No. Per TEA law code, you must teach a minimum of 4 hours a day in your grade level and content area to qualify.

**If I do not have the credits for a certification area, how do I qualify for the program?**

You can take the Tx PACT offered on the [Pearson website](#). If you lack credits, this is a good option to help you obtain approval for the certification area you need for certification.

**Do I need to pass my PPR before I begin my internship?**

Yes (probationary certificate) and No (intern certificate). But we highly recommend you pass the PPR before you begin your internship.

A probationary certificate can be activated when you have passing content and ppr scores. An intern certificate can be activated without the PPR exam passed. However, extras fees and assignments will apply for an intern certificate.