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 October 10, 2023, and December 15, 2023. You must apply by 12/15/23 to qualify. The new hire discount is \$400 off your program fees.

What is the timeframe for me to get certified if I begin my teaching internship in spring 2024?

You could be fully certified by spring 2025 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 \$149 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.

How do I qualify for the new hire discount?

To qualify, you need to have a job offer or already be in the classroom for the 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 May 15, 2024, to retain the \$400 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 <u>Texas Education Agency (TEA)</u> 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.

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 <u>Pearson website</u>. 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.