

HOW TO BECOME A

# Certified Texas Teacher

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## Why become a teacher?

**Do you want a career with purpose?**

Few careers hold the rewards that teaching can provide.

Yes, the work can be hard, the hours can be long, but in the end you are investing your time and talents by serving the next generation. You are making what could be a life-changing impact on a child, many who need hope, a mentor and a hero.

**Over 30,000 new teachers  
are hired every year in Texas.  
*Will you be one?***

# So how do you get certified to teach? What does it take?

There are two paths to certification in Texas: **Clinical** or **Intern**. These are very different:

- ▶ **Clinical** is more commonly referred to as “Student Teaching” and is what most Universities offer Education Majors. It typically takes one semester and is an unpaid apprenticeship-type of effort where you are paired with a teacher in that teacher’s classroom.
- ▶ The **Intern** certificate offers you immediate classroom experience as a full-time full-salary teacher. In order to qualify you must have completed your bachelor degree from an accredited university. Before you enter the classroom you are required to pass a subject-area proficiency exam, complete 150 hours of training in teaching and classroom management strategies and 30 hours of classroom observation.



## What experience is required?

None. All candidates that have a heart for kids and a desire to be in the classroom and prepare them to be extraordinary educators are highly sought after.



*Can I start the program even though I'm still in college?*

Absolutely! During your last semester of your bachelor's degree you can apply for admission.

The path to full certification with Teachworthy is just three steps:

### 1. Apply for free

It takes 7-10 minutes to confirm your eligibility for the program.

### 2. Train and test

Choose your desired subject and study at your own pace.

### 3. Teach in the classroom

Receive your certification once all program requirements are met.

## How long does the program typically take?

It's up to you. Online programs like Teachworthy is self-paced. It's possible to complete all the training modules in as little as 2-3 weeks, but expect to

complete all the modules in 2-3 months if you are working and only have a few hours a day to invest.

Once you pass the subject area test you want to teach, complete the 150 hours of training and complete the Classroom Observation Experience where you visit and observe a live classroom, you are eligible to start teaching in most instances.

► ***What investment is required to become certified?***

For programs like Teachworthy, the application is free. Access to all the training modules, test preparation and career resources is only \$195 at Teachworthy. Once you are hired as a teacher, the Teachworthy program fee of \$3,960 is paid monthly over the course of your first year teaching.

The Texas Education Agency requires certain additional fees that total \$477. In total the entire investment to become certified will be between \$4,662-\$4,732 depending on the number of optional study guides you purchase.

► ***When can I apply for teaching positions?***

In as little as 2-3 weeks! First, you must apply to an accredited certification program like Teachworthy and submit your official transcripts. Second, you will need to pass the content test for the subject area and grade-level you want to teach. Next, you'll pay the training fee of \$195 and complete 150 hours of the training which can be accomplished quickly if you work hard.





Finally, you will need to complete 30 hours of Field Based Experience where you go on a campus and observe a classroom. 15 of these hours can be completed by viewing observations at

Teachworthy online. We will also help you connect with schools in your area where you can observe great teachers live.

## What other training is available?

Programs like Teachworthy take classroom culture very seriously and provide live 2-day training events where you learn and practice processes that ensure you know how to create a safe high achieving classroom. Teachworthy is a sister company to the Flippen Group, developers of the award-winning *Capturing Kids' Hearts Training* that is included in the Teachworthy Certification Program. Relationships are the key to a child's mind and connecting with kids' hearts is critical to their development and success in the classroom and in life.

### ► ***What support is provided during my Intern year?***

Certification Programs are required to provide you field support with at least 5 classroom visits during your first year teaching. Programs like Teachworthy also provide an additional 6 small group meetings with your peers to discuss challenges, offer support and encouragement and further prepare you.

▶ ***Will I get paid during my first year?***

Absolutely! You will receive full pay and benefits just like all certified teachers.

▶ ***Is help available to prepare me for interviewing?***

For programs like Teachworthy, for sure! We have the resources and the relationships to guide you through the interview process. We will even conduct a mock interview with you to ensure you are ready!

▶ ***Can I start a program at any time?***

For online programs like Teachworthy, Yes! We accept applications throughout the year and teaching positions are waiting to be filled now.

▶ ***Is there a GPA requirement? What if I don't meet it?***

The Texas Education Agency requires your overall GPA or your last 60 hours GPA to be 2.5. If you don't meet this general rule, there are exceptions based on the subject area you want to teach and other special circumstances. Definitely touch base with the Teachworthy Team to see what's possible.

▶ ***So when will I receive my teaching certificate?***

First, you will receive an intern certificate after you have completed Teachworthy's training and secured a teaching position. Second, upon completion of all the requirements of Teachworthy and your first year of teaching you will receive your Standard Teaching Certificate.

## ► ***Are Intern and Standard Certificates different?***

Yes. The intern certificate is for 1 year while you are in the process of becoming a teacher. Once you have completed all of Teachworthy's requirements including those of the Texas Education Agency you will receive a Standard Certificate that is valid for 5 years. This Standard Certificate renews by completing continuing professional education (CPE) hours typically offered by your hiring district.

## ► ***Can I transfer my certification to other states?***

In most cases yes! You will want to contact the state's department of education where you plan to locate and confirm the reciprocity process. We are happy to assist you with this as well.

That's pretty much everything you need to know to get started in the meaningful impactful career of teaching. If you have the heart, the desire and the work ethic, you'll make a great teacher.

**Make a  
difference.  
Be a Teacher.**







### **Whitney Krammer**

*"When I visited with the Teachworthy Team, they were so encouraging and helpful. They convinced me that I had what it takes to be a worldchanger by becoming a teacher."*



### **Christopher Perrin**

*"I was extremely prepared to enter the classroom."*



### **Melisa Arredondo**

*"Thanks to Teachworthy, I've been a certified teacher for the past two years and know that I've found my purpose."*



### **Keandra Troupe**

*"I highly recommend Teachworthy to everyone I know that wants to become a teacher."*



### **Zaira Diaz**

*"They did just as they promised. My life has been changed because of Teachworthy."*



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