

# Alternative - South Texas Educator Program

"Helping to Certify Tomorrow's Teachers, Today!"

## APPLICATION

(Please check the program you are applying for. You may apply in more than one area.)



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### 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F  
(last first middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year

U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ If No, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
(yes/no) (yes/no)

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ White (non-Hispanic) \_\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic  
\_\_\_\_\_ Asian, Pacific Islander, Oriental American \_\_\_\_\_ Native or Alaskan American

How did you hear about our Alternative Certification Program?

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend/Relative \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper/TV \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_ Job Fair  
\_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. CERTIFICATION**

What Certification Area are you applying for?:

- Grades EC-6  
Generalist  
 Bilingual Generalist - Spanish

- Grades 4-8  
Generalist  
 Bilingual Generalist - Spanish  
 English Language Arts & Reading  
 English Language Arts & Reading/Social Studies  
 Social Studies  
 Mathematics  
 Mathematics/Science  
 Science

- All Level EC-12  
Art  
 Speech  
 Health  
 Music  
 Special Education  
 Physical Education  
 Spanish

- Grades 8-12  
 English Language Arts & Reading  
 Physics/Mathematics  
 Science  
 Life Science  
 Physical Science  
 History  
 Social Studies  
 Mathematics  
 Physical Science/Mathematics/Engineering  
 Speech

- Grades 6-12  
 Secondary Business Composite  
 Technology Education

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied to an Alternative Certification Program (ACP)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been an intern in an ACP? \_\_\_\_\_ When and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever taught on any type of permit? \_\_\_\_\_ When and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied for a Texas Teaching Certificate? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold a teaching certificate from another state? \_\_\_\_\_ From another country? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold a certificate which is currently suspended, revoked, or pending such action? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony ? \_\_\_\_\_ Convicted of a misdemeanor? \_\_\_\_\_  
(other than minor traffic violations)

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **6. NOTICE OF MANDATORY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**NOTICE to Applicants and Students: This is a contract.**

1. As a condition to applying for admission to the Program, and, if accepted into the Program, and as a condition of remaining in the Program, the Alternative South Texas Educator Program (A-STEP) and you as applicant, student, or both, agree that any and all disputes, controversies or claims related to the relationship between the parties, the rendering of services by A-STEP, its evaluation of student performances, and the interpretation or performance hereunder, will be submitted to alternative dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration, or both.
2. Any disputes shall be submitted for resolution pursuant to the Rio Services Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for Commercial Disputes (“ADR Program”), which, among other things, is established pursuant to the *Federal Arbitration Act*. Arbitration is administered by the American Arbitration Association, and is conducted by a single arbitrator who is knowledgeable in the subject matter of the dispute.
3. The ADR Program provides that any and all disputes shall be submitted 1) to informal discussions regarding dispute resolution, then, if not resolved, 2) to mediation, and, then, if such dispute is not resolved thereby, 3) to final and binding arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association.
4. Signing this application is your agreement and acceptance of the ADR Program. By signing or submitting this application, accepting services from A-STEP, or both, you agree to the terms and conditions of the ADR Program. You may obtain copies of the ADR Program document, and related documents from A-STEP or Rio Services (Rio Services: 956.761.2289 or 800.891.4554; fax: 800.891.4566).

## **7. AFFIRMATION**

I affirm that all of the information I have provided for this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that acceptance into A-STEP based on any false or incomplete information is cause for immediate dismissal from the A-STEP. Additionally, I am fully aware that if accepted into the program, I will undergo pre-service training and test preparation, however, this does not constitute a guarantee of employment by any school district. I hereby authorize A-STEP to release application information for employment purposes to inquiring school districts. I also authorize A-STEP to obtain from law enforcement agencies any existing criminal history records pertaining to my application. I understand this application does in no way constitute a contract of any kind, except as to our agreement regarding alternative dispute resolution as stated in part #6, above.

I affirm that I have read and understood the contents of this application.

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