



# TEACH Admission Requirements

(effective Fall 2024)

The TEACH program at Our Lady of the Lake University is a three-semester program including clinical teaching in the final semester before graduation, which lasts 14 weeks or 70 days of full-day class placements.

### Certifications Offered

- x Core Early Childhood to Grade 6
- x All Level EG12: Art, Spanish, Physical Education, Music
- x 7-12 Content: Math, English, History, Biology (Life Science)
- x Specializations in Bilingual Education, Special Education, or English as a



## Requirements for Admittance in Teacher Education (TEACH) Program

- x A minimum institutional and cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75
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- x A clear national Criminal Background Check
- x An interview by Education Department faculty and staff [19 TAC 227.10(a)(8)]
- x Demonstrate basic skills in reading, written communication, and mathematics by TSI requirements below per 19 TAC 227.10(a)(6) stated. TSIA: Reading >351, Math >350, Writing (essay) >5 or Writing at 340 plus essay score of 4 or Placement score less than 340 with a diagnostic score of at least a 4
- x International applicants must earn minimum scaled scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT) of 24 for speaking, 22 for listening, 22 for reading, and 21 for writing [19 TAC 227.10(a)(7)].

19 TAC 227.10 (a)(6) An applicant must demonstrate basic skills in reading, written communication, and mathematics by meeting the requirements of the Texas Success Initiative under the rules established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) in Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter C, of this title (relating to Texas Success Initiative), including one of the requirements established by 59.4 of this title (relating to Exemptions, Exceptions, and Waivers) or Passing Standards for Placement Testing or College Transcripts for college readiness per TAC §4.54b exemptions.

Formal admission into the TEACH program requires the completion and submission of the following portfolio items on the TEACH Blackboard template prior to admission. An incomplete portfolio may result in a denial of an interview.

- ' Apply for your TEA ID number on TEAL website
- ' Completed TEACH application
- ' Copy of your current degree audit showing (EDUC Dept prints this out, DO NOT SUBMIT)
  - A minimum of 60 accrued credit hours (junior-level standing)
  - Minimum grade point average of 2.75
  - Transfer courses
  - Completion of required foundation courses with a grade of a C or higher (foundation courses vary by certification)
- ' Philosophy of Education statement; must be typed and should be representative of your best writing skills
- ' A personal resume that chronologically documents examples of your fitness for teaching and/or your having spent time working with children and/or others, such as scholarships or awards, work history, outstanding projects in courses, or activities that display evidence relating to your interaction with children and/or others
- ' A copy of an OLLU 12 792 re al Backofk92 re W\*ingi3000034RTm ss

## Scholarship Opportunities & Financial Support for Education Majors

Raising Texas Teachers Scholarship Program OLLU was identified as a premier Texas teacher preparation program and will receive from \$200,000 to \$1 million+ annually to support selected candidates who are awarded the Charles Butt Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers. Teaching fellows selected as Charles Butt Scholars will be awarded \$8,000 per year for up to four years. Applicants must be full-time OLLU education majors, Texas residents, have a strong academic record and history of achievement, and be committed to teaching high-needs Texas public schools upon graduation. The application is open every fall semester and closes in the spring. For more information, visit: <https://www.ollusa.edu/cps/programs/education/charles-butts-scholarship.html>

Federal TEACH Grant is for full-time education students with a minimum 3.25 GPA. Candidates must agree to teach a highly needed subject in a low-income area with a shortage of specific subject teachers in an elementary or secondary school. Candidates awarded a grant are eligible for up to \$4,000 a year while pursuing education certification in a high-need field. Upon graduation you must teach at a low-income school (Title I campus) for at least four years.

Eligible subject areas for which you can receive a TEACH Grant:

- x Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition
- x Foreign Language
- x Mathematics
- x Science
- x Special Education

For more information, see link: <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/financial-aid/understand-college-grants/teach-grant/>

CDP Scholarship The Congregation of Divine Providence started as teachers in rural and underserved areas. The sisters support our clinical teachers through a scholarship during the final semester of the program.

Residency Partnerships Through partnerships with local districts, some OLLU education majors can complete their clinical teaching through a one-year paid clinical teaching experience. This allows candidates to fully experience the complete timeline of the academic year in a school.

For more information, contact the OLLU Education Department Certification Officer: Monica Castillo, [mycastillo@ollusa.edu](mailto:mycastillo@ollusa.edu)

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