

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.)



A-STEP Brownsville

(Serving Brownsville and the Rio Grande Valley)



A-STEP Laredo

(Serving Laredo and the surrounding 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-4
Generalist
 Bilingual Generalist - Spanish

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

- Grades 6-12
Secondary Business Composite
 Technology Education
 Secondary Spanish

Other _____

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

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

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. _____

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.
