

Types of Certificates

Effective September 1, 2017, the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) began issuing an intern certificate, in addition to the probationary certificate.

The main differences between the two are the type of tests an individual must pass and how long an individual may serve on the certificate. In order to receive either certificate, candidates must pass a TExES Content Exam.

Probationary Certificate: 3 in-class observations

Intern Certificate: 3 in-class observations plus 2 virtual observations

The probationary certificate requires an additional requirement of passing the pedagogy and professional responsibilities (PPR) examination. The internship certificate can be issued prior to passing the PPR (candidates are given the school year to pass).

The intern and probationary certificate are both valid for a 12-month period from the date it is recommended by the program. An intern certificate cannot be renewed or extended. A probationary certificate may be renewed for two additional 12-month periods.