



## **RRHEC Early Childhood-4<sup>th</sup> Grade (EC-4) Generalist Undergraduate Advising Information**

At the RRHEC, Texas State University-San Marcos offers classes in the Williamson County area (just north of Austin). The RRHEC is housed in the Avery Building, which was completed in August 2005. The Avery Building is located on University Boulevard (Chandler Road/CR 114) in Round Rock, approximately 2-3 miles east of Interstate 35.

This packet contains information for those without a 4-year college degree (undergraduates) who want to become elementary school teachers. The Texas State RRHEC program offers certification to teach in a regular Pre-Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Other certifications are available at Texas State University in San Marcos. Contact the Center for Student and Professional Services, Office of Academic Advising, at 1-(877)-838-2283 for more information.

This packet provides information about which classes to take at a junior/community college (e.g., Austin Community College--ACC, Temple Junior College--TJC) and about transferring to Texas State University-San Marcos at the RRHEC location for the last 2 years. Upon graduating from Texas State, you will have a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies and have met the coursework requirement for the **EC-4 Generalist** certification. For more information about certifications in Texas, refer to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) website included in this packet.

**Please read all of the information in the packet before contacting the appropriate advisor.**

### This 8-page packet includes:

- *Advisors* to contact by e-mail or phone.
- *Useful Websites* for more information, including the TxSt Transfer Course Equivalencies.
- *Worksheet for Advisement*. Lists the classes required for degree completion and indicates:
  1. Which courses are available through TxSt at the RRHEC (those listed as “No equiv”)
  2. Equivalent courses at ACC or TJC for this degree (74 hrs. is the maximum junior college hours that may be transferred into this degree plan)
- “*When do I begin the RRHEC education program?*” diagrams a student for 5 semesters at ACC and illustrates when to apply to TxSt for classes at the RRHEC.
- *EC-4 Generalist Program @ the RRHEC*. This shows the specific classes you will register for each semester once you begin at the RRHEC. If you do not follow this schedule, you may find that the program takes longer than expected.
- *EC-4 Generalist Program: Courses and Descriptions for the RRHEC classes*
- *Frequently Asked Questions*

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 Directions to the RRHEC: <http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu/sites.html>

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Texas State University (TXST) @ RRHEC  
Advising Information

## Advising for the RRHEC EC-4 Generalist program:

<i>Students transferring to the RRHEC from a 2-or 4-year college for the EC-4 Generalist:</i>	Ms. Sheresa Edgington, Academic Advisor; se14@txstate.edu; (512)-716-4034
<i>Students wanting undergraduate certification other than the EC-4 Generalist at RRHEC:</i> <b>Program offerings in San Marcos:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EC-4 Generalist; Bilingual Generalist</li> <li>▪ All-level (EC-12) Special Education</li> <li>▪ 4-8 Generalist; English/Language Arts &amp; Social Studies; Math; Science; Math &amp; Science composite</li> <li>▪ Other All-level &amp; 8-12 certifications (*see specific department)</li> </ul>	Texas State University-San Marcos Center for Student and Professional Services, Office of Academic Advising <b>(in San Marcos, TX)</b>  (877)-838-2283 or (512)-245-3050
<i>Students wanting other Bachelor's degree programs at RRHEC (e.g., Business, Psychology):</i>	Ms. Jennifer Leach, Academic Advisor <a href="mailto:jl41@txstate.edu">jl41@txstate.edu</a> ; (512)-716-4035

## Useful Websites:

Texas State University-San Marcos @ RRHEC	<a href="http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu">http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu</a>
Texas State University-San Marcos	<a href="http://www.txstate.edu">http://www.txstate.edu</a>
TxSt College of Education	<a href="http://www.education.txstate.edu">http://www.education.txstate.edu</a>
Department of Curriculum and Instruction	<a href="http://www.txstate.edu/ci/">http://www.txstate.edu/ci/</a>
TxSt Admissions	<a href="http://www.admission.txstate.edu/index.htm">http://www.admission.txstate.edu/index.htm</a>
TxSt Undergraduate Catalog	<a href="http://www.txstate.edu/academicaffairs/catalog/catalogindex.html">http://www.txstate.edu/academicaffairs/catalog/catalogindex.html</a>
TxSt Financial Aid	<a href="http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/">http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/</a>
TxSt Correspondence Courses	<a href="http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu">http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu</a>
TxSt CatsWeb (for various <u>student services</u> )	<a href="http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/catsstud.htm">http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/catsstud.htm</a>
<b>**Transfer Equivalencies (How classes from other colleges will transfer to TxSt)**</b>	<a href="http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e00000_wb0.htm">http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e00000_wb0.htm</a>
State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC)	<a href="http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/">http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/</a>
TExES/ExCET test information	<a href="http://www.texas.nesinc.com/">http://www.texas.nesinc.com/</a>
Austin Community College	<a href="http://www.austincc.edu/">http://www.austincc.edu/</a>
Temple Junior College, Taylor Center	<a href="http://www.templejc.edu/taylor/taylor.htm">http://www.templejc.edu/taylor/taylor.htm</a>

Texas State University-San Marcos College of Education: Round Rock Higher Education Center  
**Center for Student and Professional Services (Office of Academic Advising)**  
<http://www.education.txstate.edu/directorypages/advising.html>

**Bachelor of Science with major in Interdisciplinary Studies—RRHEC only**  
**Early Childhood - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Generalist (EC-4) Major Code: 225.50**

Worksheet for Advisement Purposes Only – Not an Official Outline

(NOTE: This outline is subject to revision due to State-mandated changes or local policy changes)

**CORE CURRICULUM**

TxSt Prefix & Course <small>(Core)</small>	ACC #	TJC #	Grade	Hrs
ENG 1310 <sup>(10)</sup> *	1301	1301		3
ENG 1320 <sup>(10)</sup> *	1302	1302		3
ENG Lit <sup>(40)</sup>	see back	see back		3
HIST 1310 <sup>(60)</sup>	1301	1301		3
HIST 1320 <sup>(60)</sup>	1302	1302		3
POSI 2310 <sup>(70)</sup>	GOVT 2306	2301		3
POSI 2320 <sup>(70)</sup>	GOVT 2305	2302		3
MATH 1315 or 1319 <sup>^</sup> <sup>(20)</sup> *	1314 or 1324	1314 or 1324		3
COMM 1310 <sup>(11)</sup>	SPCH 1311/1321	SPCH 1311/1321		3
GEO 1310 <sup>(80)</sup>	GEOG 1303	GEOG 1303		3
PHYS 1310 <sup>(30)</sup> *	1405	1405		3
PHYS 1320 <sup>(30)</sup> *	1407			3
PHYS 1110 <sup>(30)</sup> *	1405(lab)	1405(lab)		1
PHIL 1305 <sup>(41)</sup>	1301	1301		3
Fine Arts 2313 <sup>(50)</sup>	HUMA 1301	see back		3
PFW Act <sup>(90)</sup>	1hr KINE	1hr PHED		1
PFW Act <sup>(90)</sup>	1hr KINE	1hr PHED		1
US 1100 <sup>(90)</sup>				1
<b>Total</b>				<b>46</b>

✓ For this degree, you must take two semesters of the same foreign language UNLESS you took two years of the same foreign language in high school.

**ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Prefix & Course	ACC #	TJC #	Grade	Hrs
PE or HED 3321	No equiv	No equiv		3
ARTT 3370	ARTS 1301/1311 <sup>^</sup>	ARTS 1301/1311 <sup>^</sup>		3
MU 1311	MUSI 1301	MUSI 1301		3
TH 1370	DRAM 1351 <sup>^</sup>	DRAM 1351 <sup>^</sup>		3
Elective				3
Elective				3
Elective				1-3
<b>Total</b>				<b>19-21</b>

**Suggested Electives:** TxSt: ENG 3385, PSY 1300, SOCI 1310, HIST 3372 (ACC/TJC: PSY 2301, HIS 2301, SOC 1301)

Total minimum hours for graduation is 128, at least 39 of which must be advanced. **Note:** Graduation with honors requires a minimum of 60 TxSt hours—this worksheet contains only 51 TxSt hours (education courses).

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent Area code / Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Texas State ID# (or SSN) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail (for advising) \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR \***

Prefix & Course	ACC #	TJC #	Grade	Hrs
BIO 1320	1309			3
GS 3310	see back <sup>^</sup>	see back <sup>^</sup>		3
GS 3320	see back <sup>^</sup>	see back <sup>^</sup>		3
MATH 2311	1350	1350		3
MATH 2312	1351	1351		3
ECE 4300	No equiv	No equiv		3
ECE 4352	No equiv	No equiv		3
ECE 4310	No equiv	No equiv		3
RDG 3312	No equiv	No equiv		3
RDG 3315	No equiv	No equiv		3
RDG 3320	No equiv	No equiv		3
RDG 3321	No equiv	No equiv		3
RDG 4320	No equiv	No equiv		3
<b>Total</b>				<b>39</b>

**PEDAGOGY & PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY \***

Prefix & Course	ACC #	TJC #	Grade	Hrs
CI 3310	No equiv	No equiv		3
CI 3315	No equiv	No equiv		3
CI 3322	No equiv	No equiv		3
CI 4325	No equiv	No equiv		3
CI 4350	No equiv	No equiv		3
SPED 4344	No equiv	No equiv		3
ED 4687(st.teach.)	No equiv	No equiv		6
<b>Total</b>				<b>24</b>

A maximum of 74 hours<sup>^</sup> from a Community/Junior College may be applied toward this degree. Classes may be taken by correspondence from Texas State at any time. Go to [www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu/](http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu/) for more information.

2.50 TxSt GPA is required for CI, ECE, RDG, SPED, ED courses.

\* = Must be completed with "C" or better.

<sup>^</sup> = Substitutions/exceptions allowed for RRHEC-designated students only (must be pursuing EC-4 Generalist @ RRHEC).

**APPROPRIATE COURSES FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE AND FINE ARTS****English Literature (Core 040)**

ACC #	TJC#	TxSt #
ENG 2322	2322	2310
ENG 2323	2323	2320
ENG 2327	2327	2359
ENG 2328	2328	2360
ENG 2332	2332	2330
ENG 2333	2333	2340
ENG 2342	2370	ELNA
ENG 2343		ELNA

**Fine Arts Perspective (Core 050)**

ACC #	TJC#	TxSt #
HUMA 1301	<i>No equiv</i>	ART/MU/TH/DAN 2313
Any 3-hr 050 course from ACC or TJC (may not satisfy more than one requirement, e.g. MUSI 1301, DRAM 1351)		Core Curriculum 050: Refer to Texas State Transfer Equivalencies Website.

**APPROPRIATE SCIENCE CLASSES (RRHEC EC-4 GEN. ONLY--FALL 2004 OR LATER)**

In lieu of the GS 3310 and 3320, which do not have equivalents at ACC or TJC, students may take two of the following classes at **ACC**: CHEM 1405, BIOL 2306, BIOL 1408, BIOL 1409, GEOL 1305, GEOL 1403. At **TJC**, CHEM 1305 or 1405 (not both), CHEM 1311, BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, and GEOL 1303 are acceptable science substitutions. Always verify classes with the TxSt Transfer Course Equivalencies to avoid repeated and non-transferable courses: ([http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e000000\\_wb0.htm](http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/am/e000000_wb0.htm)).

**GUIDELINES FOR ENROLLING IN TEXAS STATE COURSES @ RRHEC**

To attend Texas State @ RRHEC, you can only have 6-18 hours left to take at ACC/TJC: 6 hours if beginning in Fall, up to 18 hours for Spring. Of your last 30 hours, only six (6) can be taken outside of Texas State. Special permission is required to take more than 6 hours outside of Texas State from the last 30 hours towards the degree and permission is not usually given.

**General steps for enrolling in Education courses @ RRHEC (subject to change)**

1. Complete a minimum of 60-70 hours off the front of this worksheet.
2. Apply and be accepted for admission to Texas State University at least one long semester prior to starting @ RRHEC.
3. After Core Block approval, register for "Semester One" courses (*see below for course sequence*) during the appropriate period.  
\*\*Space availability in the RRHEC Core Block is limited--admission to Texas State does NOT guarantee Block availability.

**RRHEC BLOCK AND COURSE SEQUENCE (EC-4 Generalist only)**

**Semester One (fall or spring only):** Taught on T/TH afternoons @ 4:00 – 8:00 PM (check the TxSt schedule) & one other evening. These classes must be taken together: CI 3310, CI 3315, RDG 4320 (Core Block); ECE 4300

\*For a Fall semester start, these courses will be taken the following Summer I (M-F, times TBD): PE/HED 3321, SPED 4344

\*For a Spring semester start, refer to the information packet or the RRHEC education advisor for the summer courses.

**Semester Two (fall or spring):** T/TH or M/W 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM in a specific Round Rock ISD school, and two other evenings. These classes must be taken together: CI 3322, RDG 3315, RDG 3321 (Field Block); CI 4325 and ECE 4352 (held at RRHEC)

\* A TxSt GPA of 2.50, and a "C" or better in ENG 1310, 1320, and MATH 1315/1319 are required.

**Semester Three (fall or spring, plus summer):** You will have various classes to take at the RRHEC. We recommend that you consider substitute teaching during this semester on days you have available. *Some classes will be taken during the summer semesters also.* The Education courses will include: ECE 4310, RDG 3312, RDG 3320, CI 4350, SPED 4344, PE/HED 3321

\*Attend the **MANDATORY Student Teaching Roundup** at the start of this semester. *This begins the S.T. application process.*

\*Take the appropriate **practice TExES exams** during this semester. Refer to the education website for additional information.

**Semester Four (fall or spring):** Student Teaching: EDST 4687. You will teach all day, M-F, and should not take any other courses this semester. The S.T. semester is full-time, 6 hours credit, and is NOT a paid teaching position.

\*Apply on-line for graduation through CatsWeb at the start of the semester. See schedule of classes for deadline.

\*Take required TExES exams: **Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility EC-4 Test #100 and Generalist EC-4 Test #101.**

\*Upon completion of ALL certification requirements (student teaching, graduation, passing TExES scores), apply for certification on-line. Refer to Certification application procedures online at <http://www.education.txstate.edu/directorypages/advising.html>.

Students are ultimately responsible for knowing and fulfilling all University, College, Major and Certification requirements. Failure to meet requirements and stated deadlines may delay graduation. Students who, at any time, are unsure about academic requirements towards the degree/certification are encouraged and expected to meet with an advisor, adhering to the posted advising schedules and procedures.

This worksheet is intended as a quick and easy guide for your degree/certification but does not substitute for a Degree Audit Report (DAR). It is important that you meet with an advisor and refer to all information given to you throughout the course of your tenure at Texas State. Students are also encouraged to refer to the Undergraduate Texas State Catalog and Schedule of Classes for additional official information and semester calendars. The College of Education website (<http://www.education.txstate.edu/>) may provide answers to most questions students have about major and certification requirements.

For additional information: Contact Ms. Sheresa Edgington via email at [se14@txstate.edu](mailto:se14@txstate.edu) or by phone (512-716-4034).

You may also visit the RRHEC website at <http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu/> or call us at 512-716-4000 if you have additional questions

## When do I begin the Texas State RRHEC undergraduate education program?

The following is an example (using ACC classes) of how to determine when to begin the EC-4 Generalist program at RRHEC. These courses do not have to be taken in this order. This is only an example and is subject to change in accordance with university and state requirements.

Semesters at ACC (example):				
Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 2	Fall Semester 3	Spring Semester 4	Fall Semester 5
ENG 1301* HIS 1301* MATH 1314/1324* PHYS 1405 ART 1301/1311	ENG 1302* HIS 1302* SPCH 1311 PHYS 1407 HUMA 1301*	ENG literature* GOVT 2305* MATH 1350 BIOL 1309* KINE activity (1 hr.)	GOVT 2306* GEOG 1303 MATH 1351 DRAM 1351 KINE activity (1 hr.)	general science (3 hrs. from list) general science (3 hrs. from list) MUSI 1301 PHIL 1301*
<b>Remaining non-RRHEC Classes</b> elective (3 hrs.)* elective (3 hrs.)* elective (1-3 hrs.)* **		<b><u>None</u> of the above are available through TxSt @ RRHEC; they are all <i>non-RRHEC courses!</i></b>  * = Available through Texas State Correspondence ** = <b>TxState Foreign Language Requirement:</b> 2 yrs. of the same foreign language in high school, or 2 semesters of the same foreign language for college credit		

### Texas State University RRHEC EC-4 Generalist Program

Students who attend summer school will be ready to begin the RRHEC program sooner than those who do not. The information below will help you determine when to apply to Texas State.

**Remember: The maximum junior college hours that can be applied towards this degree is 74 hours.** Therefore, some of the classes above (non-RRHEC courses) **MUST** be taken from Texas State University-San Marcos, other 4-year colleges/universities, or through Texas State Correspondence. Correspondence courses can be taken at any time but require a separate application process. Information on correspondence courses can be found at: <http://www.studyanywhere.txstate.edu/>

#### **6 or fewer non-RRHEC hours remaining?**

Follow *Sequence A* on the following page and begin RRHEC in the fall semester.

You must be accepted to Texas State and approved by the Education advisor to register for the Core Block education courses (3 of the first 4 classes). Acceptance to Texas State is **NOT** automatic approval for the Core Block, and does **NOT** guarantee the availability of RRHEC education courses!

#### **More than 6 non-RRHEC hours, but less than 18 non-RRHEC hours remaining?**

Follow *Sequence B* on the following page and begin RRHEC in spring semester.

You must be accepted to Texas State and approved by the Education advisor to register for the Core Block education courses (3 of the first 4 classes). Acceptance to TxState is **NOT** automatic approval for the Core Block, and does **NOT** guarantee the availability of RRHEC education courses!

Follow *EC-4 Generalist coursework @ RRHEC for Fall/Spring* (see next page).

The remaining non-RRHEC hours will be taken during summer school when you are not attending RRHEC classes. \*Remember that in order to graduate from TXST, 24 of your last 30 hours must be from TxState.

## EC-4 Generalist coursework @ RRHEC

\*\*\*Times and days based on 2006 and are subject to change\*\*\*

All Classes in a particular sequence must be taken in the semester indicated

### SEQUENCE A:

To begin the TxState program in the fall **you can only lack 6 hours** of classes *not* listed below.

Fall	Spring	Summer 1	Summer 2	Fall	Spring
<b>CI 3310</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>5:30-6:45p</b>  <b>CI 3315</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>4-5:15p</b>  <b>RDG 4320</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>7-8:15p</b>  ECE 4300 M 6:30-9:15p	<b>CI 3322</b> <i>T &amp; Th</i> <b>8a-10a</b>  <b>RDG 3315</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>10a-12p</b>  <b>RDG 3321</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>12-3:30p</b>  CI 4325 M 5-7:45p  ECE 4352 W 6:30-9:15p	SPED 4344 M, T, W, Th, F 4:30-6:30p  PE/HED 3321 M, T, W, Th, F 2p-3:45p	Take ACC/TJC Classes Here ∞  (* No more than 6 hrs.!)	<i>RDG 3312</i> T 1:15-4p  <i>RDG 3320</i> Th 1:15-4p  <i>CI 4350</i> Th 6:30-9:15p  ECE 4310_w/ FB Component T 8a-11a	ED 4687 Student Teaching  (M, T, W, Th, F: All day, entire semester)

24 of the last 30 hrs must be TXST credit

**OR**

### SEQUENCE B:

To begin the TxSt program in the spring **you can only lack 18 hours** of classes *not* listed below.

Spring	Sum 1	Sum 2	Fall	Spring	Sum 1	Sum 2	Fall
<b>CI 3310</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>4:15-5:30p</b>  <b>CI 3315</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>5:30-6:45p</b>  <b>RDG 4320</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>7-8:15p</b>  ECE 4300 M 6:30-9:15p	Take ACC/TJC Classes Here ∞  <i>(approx.            6 hrs)</i>	Take ACC/TJC Classes Here ∞  <i>(approx.            6 hrs)</i>	<b>CI 3322</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>8a-10a</b>  <b>RDG 3315</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>10a-12p</b>  <b>RDG 3321</b> <b>T &amp; Th</b> <b>12:30p-3:30p</b>  CI 4325 M 5-7:45p  ECE 4352 W 6:30-9:15p	RDG 3312 T 1-4p  RDG 3320 Th 1:15-3:45p  SPED 4344 T 6:30-9:15p  PE/HED 3321 M & W 5-6:15p (*add'l lab time arr.)	ECE 4310 w/ FB component M, T, W, Th, F 10a-11:40a  CI 4350 M, T, W, Th, F 2p-3:40p	Take ACC/TJC Classes Here ∞  <i>(*No more            than 6 hrs!)</i>	ED 4687 Student Teaching  (M, T, W, Th, F: All day, entire semester)

24 of the last 30 hrs must be TxSt credit

\*\*\*All Days & Times Subject to Change\*\*\*

- ❖ ∞ = Any courses outside of TxSt (e.g., ACC, TJC) should have *prior* verification from a TxSt Education Advisor. **Note:** A maximum of 74 hours from a junior college is allowed in this degree program.
- ❖ Courses in **Bold** are part of an Education Block, and must be taken together.
- ❖ Days & times may change; please refer to CatsWeb (<http://catsweb.txstate.edu/catsweb/catsstud.htm>) for the most current schedule of courses.
- ❖ Students should follow the sequence (A or B) in which they begin exactly as listed and are responsible for meeting departmental requirements, prerequisites, registration deadlines, etc.
- ❖ Course & degree requirements are subject to change with Texas certification standards.

## EC-4 Generalist Courses and Descriptions for the RRHEC

(\*Please refer to the current Undergraduate Catalog for changes & updates)

**CI 3310 -- Public Education in America** Course focuses on an examination of learners, educators, curriculum, learning processes, teaching, instructional materials, standards, and assessment. Historical, legal, and political contexts of public school in America as well as current trends and issues are addressed.

**CI 3315 -- Human Growth and Development: The Life Span** Students will study human development, including social and cultural factors that affect learning. Implications for classrooms and teaching will be emphasized

**RDG 4320 -- Literacy Education Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children** This course focuses on issues and trends in the education of children from diverse language and/or cultural backgrounds. Course topics include second language acquisition, cultural awareness and sensitivity, and culturally relevant instruction and effective teaching practices.

**ECE 4300 -- The Languages of Children: Acquisition and Use** This course is designed to provide preservice teachers with pertinent information regarding the development of language and cognition in pre-school and school-aged children. Information regarding language structure, the sequence of development as well as the cognitive and social aspects of language acquisition and use will be included

**CI 4325 -- Classroom Management and Teacher-Student Relationships** This course will focus on classroom management theories and models that cover a broad spectrum of values and educational philosophy. Personal philosophy, beliefs, and style of teaching will be examined as they relate to the various methods of classroom management, student discipline and teacher & teacher-student relationship

**CI 3322 -- The Design and Application of the EC-4 Curriculum** Course focuses on design and application of curricula including content, instructional methodologies and assessment. Foundational theories of human development and learning will be used as students focus on the organization of content, instructional strategies, classroom environment, utilization of materials and assessment

**RDG 3315 -- Assessing Reading and Writing** Students will learn about the characteristics, uses, and limitations of various types of assessment tools; laws and policies related to assessment; and apply what they have learned about assessment and assessment based planning and teaching in the elementary language arts classroom.

**RDG 3321 -- Developmental Reading for EC-4** Current reading strategies and materials for teaching developmental reading in EC-4. Topics include: approaches; materials; word recognition/analysis, comprehension, and vocabulary; literature in the reading/writing program; instructional strategies with novice/expert readers at the EC-4 level

**SPED 4344 -- Modifications and Management for Special Populations** This course will provide information about curricular and instructional modifications for special populations. Defining characteristics of special education categories will be included. The role of classroom management and the regular classroom teacher's role with the special needs student will be addressed. Specific methods for individualizing instruction under a variety of classroom conditions will be presented

**HED/PE 3321 -- Health in the Elementary Setting/ Physical Activity for Elementary Students** Content and techniques in physical education for elementary students. Includes integrating PE with other subjects.

**ECE 4352 -- Curriculum for Pre-School and Kindergarten Children** Emphasizes research, program development, and developmentally appropriate teaching strategies, materials and activities for children ages 3-6 and collaboration with families

**ECE 4310 -- Seminar for Teachers of Young Children** Directed field experiences in observation, participation, problem solving, assessing and teaching in programs for young children. A minimum of 1.5 hour seminar per week is required in addition to assignment (three hours weekly) in an approved preschool or kindergarten program

**RDG 3312 -- Reading and Writing Instruction for Children with Special Needs** Course focuses on classroom reading instruction for children not making average progress in literacy. Course topics: nature and identification of literacy difficulties, including dyslexia; modification of instruction for children with special needs; diagnostic teaching, teacher/program effectiveness and legal requirements of special populations

**RDG 3320 -- Integrating Reading and Writing** Students study the integrative approach to reading and writing in the elementary school curriculum including application in content area subjects such as science and social studies.

**CI 4350 -- Mathematics in the Integrated Elementary Curriculum** Course provides an in-depth study of the mathematics content and methodology derived from principles of learning and research. Primary focus will be on the development of mathematics understanding and relevant applications rather than manipulation of numbers without context, purpose or concepts. Students will develop the skills needed in cooperative planning, provide methods of organizing mathematical principles into lessons for pupils, and develop techniques for evaluating pupil progress.

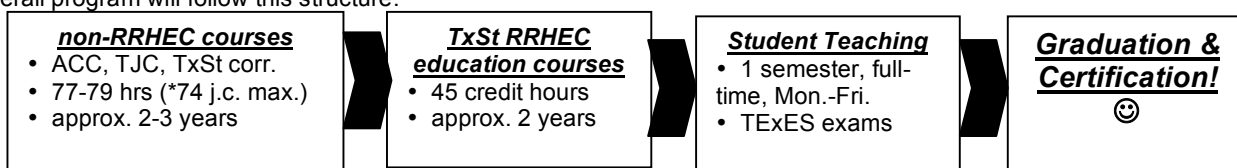
**ED 4687 -- Directed Student Teaching** Students will integrate and apply knowledge from their entire program while teaching in collaboration with experienced teachers in the public schools with university guidance and supervision. Students will demonstrate exit-level proficiency in state-adopted and Texas State proficiencies for teachers.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- ✓ **What is this degree offered through the RRHEC?** The B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. Completion of this program allows you to apply for certification to teach in a standard pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom (EC-4 Generalist).
- ✓ **What if I want to teach a different grade level or subject?** The EC-4 Generalist is the only undergraduate program offered at the RRHEC. For other certification levels, you would need to attend Texas State in San Marcos.
- ✓ **Do I take all my classes at the RRHEC?** No. The only TxSt classes at RRHEC are indicated on the worksheet as "No equiv". ALL other courses for this degree must be completed through other institutions or correspondence (non-RRHEC courses). Typically, courses are taken through junior colleges such as ACC, TJC, or through Texas State correspondence.
- ✓ **Does ACC have classes at the RRHEC?** Yes, ACC does offer some freshmen/sophomore-level courses at the Avery Building. Remember that classes offered by ACC follow their guidelines, regulations, registration, etc. These classes must still be transferred to TxST to count towards the B.S. degree, and they count as junior college hours.

\*74 hours is the maximum number of junior college (2-year) hours you can apply towards this degree. If all your non-RRHEC coursework is done at a junior college, you may need at least two extra courses from a 4-year institution.

- ✓ **Are all the classes at night?** No. Typically, only a few courses will be offered in the evening.
- ✓ **When do I start at the RRHEC?** The diagram (pg.5) describes a typical outline for degree completion. In general, the overall program will follow this structure:



- ✓ **How do I apply to the program at the RRHEC?** You must be accepted for admission through the Texas State University-San Marcos Undergraduate Admissions Office. There is no separate application to take courses at the RRHEC but you should notify the RRHEC Education advisor of your interest in the Core block at least ONE LONG SEMESTER before you intend to start the program. There are limited seats in the Round Rock courses.
- ✓ **I've been admitted to Texas State University. What's next?**
  - You must be accepted to Texas State University and make an appointment with Academic Advisor at Round Rock.
  - You must be of junior standing (completed at least 60 hours) or higher and eligible to take upper-division courses (3000-4000 level).
  - You must have completed a minimum of 60-70 hours off the enclosed advising worksheet (i.e., be of Junior standing). However, it is suggested that you have no more than 6 hours of non-RRHEC courses left to complete if you start in a fall semester (no more than 18 hours for a Spring start).
  - You should have at least a 2.50 GPA overall. If you have any TxSt coursework, you need a TxSt GPA of 2.50.
  - Advance Registration occurs in the previous long semester: i.e., Fall '07 registration takes place in Spring '07.
  - Approval to enter the block courses does NOT mean you are registered. You must register for the courses during the appropriate registration period. In addition to the Core Block, be sure to register for ECE 4300.
  - Due to class-size limitations, approximately 30 - 40 students will be able to enroll for the Block each semester. \*Acceptance into Texas State does NOT guarantee you will have a seat in the Core Block. Once the block is filled, student information will still be taken; however, availability will not be determined until Late Registration, if spaces exist.
- ✓ **Do I have to Student Teach, even if I have prior classroom experience?** Yes, Student Teaching (EDST 4687) is required. Student Teaching will be the last semester of the program, and it is non-paid. Exceptions are rare and must have prior approval from Ms. Carolyn McCall, Director of the Center for Student and Professional Services.
- ✓ **I already have a Bachelor's degree but want my teacher certification. Is this program right for me?** No. If you already possess a BA/BS from an accredited U.S. college or university, you should pursue teacher certification through a Texas State *Post-Baccalaureate* Certification program. Contact the Advising Office for more information.