



Teacher Education Benchmarks 1 and 2

2024-2025

Why Benchmarks?

- ▶ For students to be recommended to **The Texas Education Agency** for certification, Concordia University Texas has to keep evidence that you have met specific requirements.
- ▶ This is our process to ensure that we can recommend you upon graduation

How do the Benchmarks Work?

- ▶ Benchmark 1: Full Admission into the College of Education
- ▶ Benchmark 2: Admission into the Teacher Education program (Get TEA ID number)
- ▶ Benchmark 3: Admission into the Second Practicum
- ▶ Benchmark 4: Admission into the Professional Semester (Clinical Teaching)

When do I complete them?

- ▶ Benchmark 1: Year 1 (FA/SP/TR*) – Intro to Education
- ▶ Benchmark 2: Year 2 (SP) – EDU 3101 Teacher Ed Seminar I
- ▶ Benchmark 3: Year 3 (SP) – EDU 4101 Teacher Ed Seminar II
- ▶ Benchmark 4: Year 4 (FA) – EDU 4103 Teacher Ed Seminar III

* Transfers complete B1 and B2 through TES I

Benchmark 1 – Requirements for Admission to the College of Education

- ▶ During Intro to Education
 - ▶ Philosophy of Education Essay
 - ▶ FW - 15 Hours logged & Signed
 - ▶ FW - Written Reflections completed
 - ▶ FW Evaluation Received
 - ▶ Application Submitted
- ▶ End of Semester
 - ▶ Pass Intro To Education
 - ▶ GPA 2.75+ and Dean's Approval
 - ▶ Acceptance to B1 letter received, signed & submitted

Benchmark 2 Requirements for Admission to the Teacher Education Program

- ▶ Acceptance letter received and signed for B1
- ▶ Interview with your advisor and another education professor
- ▶ Recommendations (on official Dynamic Form)
 - ▶ One COE Professor
 - ▶ One content professor in your area of certification (ENG, Math, Science, SS, Music)
- ▶ Complete TEA required trainings
 - ▶ Dyslexia
 - ▶ Suicide Prevention
 - ▶ Mental Health (TBSI)
 - ▶ Substance Abuse
 - ▶ Educator Ethics

Benchmark 2 Requirements for Admission to the Teacher Education Program Cont'd

- ▶ Application submitted
- ▶ Additional items Calculated at the end of the semester (before receiving TEA ID number)
 - ▶ Formal admission letter received, signed and submitted
 - ▶ Passed EDU 3101
 - ▶ GPA 2.75+
 - ▶ Dean's approval