

Master's and Certification:

MAC Program

The MAC Program is designed for the student who has a bachelor's degree and wants to be a teacher. MAC students earn two credentials simultaneously: state teaching certification and a master's degree. MAC is unlike alternative certification programs because its certification classes are credit-based, so they count toward the master's degree.

MAC is also different from most alternative certification because students may complete the work at a pace they choose. MAC students not only earn the in-depth experience they need to be successful in the classroom, but they are also working toward the future salary benefit of an advanced degree.

Many MAC students are professionals who have decided to change careers. Others have recently completed their bachelor's degrees.

How to apply:

- ▶ Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi accepts the electronic Texas Common Application, available online at www.applytexas.org.
- ▶ For questions regarding new applications, scheduling, or transfer of credits, contact an academic advisor at (361) 825-2662.

Further information:

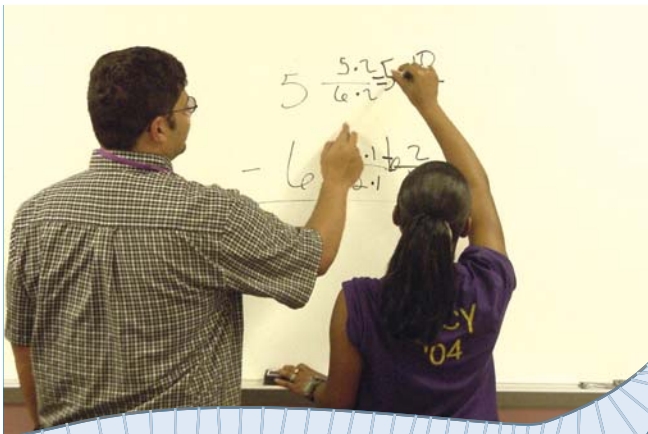
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The faculty-to-student ratio in teacher preparation programs at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi is 1.8 students to one faculty member. MAC students benefit from close faculty support as they begin their teaching experiences.

All MAC students complete field work as part of their certification. Field work begins after a student has completed the majority of required courses. Either one of two options can fulfill this requirement:

- ▶ **Student teaching:** Student teachers spend a 13-week period working full-time in the classroom alongside a certified teacher. Student teachers are unpaid.
- ▶ **Internship:** Interns work as full-time teachers for two school semesters. The intern works alone with complete charge of the class but is assigned a certified teacher as a mentor. Interns earn the full salary of certified teachers.

Both interns and student teachers receive support and periodic site visits from College of Education faculty members.

Frequently asked questions:

- Q. How many classes do I have to take?
- A. The master's degree requires 36 credits, of which approximately 21-24 typically come from the certification program.
- Q. What degree will I earn?
- A. As a MAC student you will work toward a Master of Science degree in either elementary education or secondary education, depending on which certification option you choose.
- Q. How long does the program take to finish?
- A. Most MAC students take classes part-time and earn certification in three or more semesters. Students typically complete their degree one to two semesters after earning certification.
- Q. Will any of my undergraduate classes count toward certification?
- A. Some undergraduate classes may count. Call a College of Education advisor at 361-825-2662 to learn how your academic background will fit with the MAC program.



"I was retiring from the Navy and wanted to start a new career in teaching. MAC worked out great for me, because almost all the certification classes I took counted toward my master's as well."

—Debra Morris
M.S. Special Education '06

