

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER CERTIFICATION - LIFE SCIENCE (BS)

BS: HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER CERTIFICATION – LIFE SCIENCE DEGREE PLAN (BIOT)	
UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS	
Please see the University Requirements section of this catalog (page 38).	
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	
Biology	
BIOL 112 General Biology I	(3) ¹
BIOL 114 General Biology I Lab	1
BIOL 113/115 General Biology II Lecture/Lab	4
BIOL 221/223 Animal Biology Lecture/Lab or BIOL 222/224 Plant Biology Lecture/Lab	4
BIOL 312 Cell Biology Lecture	3
BIOL 353/357 General Microbiology Lecture/Lab	4
BIOL 362/364 Ecology Lecture/Lab	4
BIOL 492/495 Physiology Lecture/Lab	4
BIOL 497 Seminar in Biology (writing-intensive course)	3
Additional Advanced Biology	6
TOTAL	33
¹ Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours	
SUPPLEMENT FOR MAJOR	
Other	
CHEM 133 General Chemistry I	(3) ¹
CHEM 131 General Chemistry I Lab	1
CHEM 134/132 General Chemistry II Lecture/Lab	4
MATH 124 or 185	(3) ¹
Professional Education	
EDUC 211 Educational Foundations and Multi-cultural Perspective	3
EDUC 221 Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 412 Secondary Curriculum and Media	3
EDUC 432 Secondary Management and Methods	3
EDUC 476 Effective Strategies for English Language Learners	3
EDUC 490 Student Teaching	6
READ 322 Reading in Secondary Content Areas	3
SPED 371 Teaching Students with Special Needs (writing-intensive course)	3
TOTAL	32
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ELECTIVES	
Minimum	7
TOTAL MAJOR HOURS	72
CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION	
In accordance with Texas state law, students must meet the admission criteria	

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- <#>Complete and submit an application for admission into the Teacher Education Program;
- <#>Have completed the first 45 semester hours of credit;
- <#>Successfully complete with a C or better 12 hours in the candidate's chosen content field;
- <#>Have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 (2.75 or higher in the content field);
- <#>Complete 6 hours of University Requirements English with no grade lower than a "C" (In order to maintain admission status the candidate must earn a C or better in all university required English courses);
- <#>Pass all three sections of the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) test, with a score on the reading section of 260 or higher, a score on the math section of 230 or higher and a score on the writing section of 240 or higher; Students may retake the THEA once if the required level is not earned in the first administration. Acceptance of scores from a third administration of the THEA are subject to review by the Teacher Education Admissions Committee;
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- <#>Successfully complete first submission of the Teacher Education E-portfolio as described in the ACU Teacher Education Student Handbook;
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- Obtain an official TOEFL score of at least 600 (computer-based score of 250, iBT of 100);
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Additional requirements for maintaining program admission status:

- <#>In order to remain in the Teacher Education Program, an overall GPA of 2.75, 2.75 in the content field, and continued approval of the Teacher Education Admissions Committee must be maintained.

[described on page 119.](#)

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum grade for majors courses	C
Minimum GPA for graduation	2.75
Minimum advanced hours	33
Minimum total hours	128

*Courses numbered 0** do not count in
minimum hours required for degree.*

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Junior and senior transfer students must take the THEA and be admitted to the Teacher Education Program during their first semester at Abilene Christian University to continue in professional education course work. Arrangements to take the THEA should be made as quickly as possible by contacting the Office of Academic Development.

Note:

A candidate who does not have an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher **may** be conditionally admitted to the program if **all** other admissions criteria are met and if **all** of the following are true:

An overall GPA of 2.75 or higher in the last 60 hours

A GPA of 2.75 in the teaching content field

No university disciplinary actions filed – academic or otherwise

A formal letter of request submitted to the admissions committee describing the candidate's academic history and articulating motivations for wanting to enter the teaching profession

An interview with the Teacher Education Admissions Committee