



Program Description

Certification emphasis:	EC-6 Certification, with options for specialization.
Starting Date:	Fall 2019
Delivery Options:	Daytime, Nighttime, and Weekend Options; all hybrid courses; the cohort will be divided in thirds.
Faculty:	First 1 ½ years will be taught solely by Odessa College faculty members. The final 1 ½ years will be taught by UTPB faculty, OC faculty, and ISD administrators. These will be specialized sections specific to the cohort. The sections will be project-based, problem-based, case-study courses based on the AVID model. Instructors will model the type of teaching and learning that the aspiring teachers will lead in their own classrooms.
Role of ISDs:	OC and UTPB will partner with ISDs in the area to incentivize involvement of their staff in the program. They will also gain access to prospective employees.
Clinical Hours:	Students will be required through their courses to serve sixteen hours at OC's early colleges or UTPB's STEM Academy each semester. ISD staff members will be exempt from these hours.
Location of courses:	All courses will take place on the Odessa College campus, including those offered through UTPB. Courses will be face-to-face in Odessa and delivered via satellite to the rest of the service area. We will partner with ISDs for a physical space in the extension areas.
Capstone Project:	Portfolio; throughout the program, instructors will work together to create a series of meaningful, relevant projects that will go into the portfolio. The portfolio will be assembled for interview purposes.
Design of degree plan:	All courses will take place in a six-week format.
Time Frame:	Odessa College will begin with the first cohort. UTPB will have 1 ½ years to prepare their portion of the degree plan.
Professional Development:	The summer before they begin their first year of teaching, graduates of the program will undergo a series of free professional development workshops, including classroom discipline, content specialization, AVID strategies, project-based learning, Montessori, Gifted and Talented, and ESL.
Advisory Committee:	OC and UTPB Faculty members, ISD superintendents and administrators, a member of the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board, and a person from Region 18 will be a part of the advisory committee.